Mass Times may need to be changed at short notice,

Confessions:

Parish Office Hours

10am to **1pm**. For Mass Bookings, Arranging Baptisms, Certs, Weddings, Mass Cards. (for both churches)

Notices for Newsletter Deadline is 12noon on Wednesday. Either drop into office or Email to info@headfordchurch.com It is not always possible to publish all notices due to space, so parish takes preference.

Baptisms: **1st Sunday & 3rd Saturday** of each month with prior notice.

First Fridays or a **Hospital visit**, phone office

Holy Face Devotion on **Tues. 6.45-7pm** in **Headford**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Mon. 9.15am –11am, & 7pm–9pm, Tues. 7pm-8pm.** in **Headford.** On **Tue 10-11am** & **Thurs 10am-11am and 6pm-7pm** in **Claran**

Offertory Collection in **Headford €1050.00** last weekend and in **Claran €430.00**

Headford & Claran Parish is committed to the protection of all children and young people. Safe Guarding Officers are PJ Newell and Maura Moran .

Holy Hour on Parish Radio every Friday 3-4 pm with **Divine Mercy** and **Stations of the Cross**.

Altar Candles Intention for December: Headford: Private Intentions Claran Intentions of Julia Halloran & Family Carnakib.

Readers for the month of December:
Claran Helen O'Neill Headford
7pm Geraldine Farrell 11.30am Mary McHugh.
Eucharistc Ministers: Claran Tom Darcy, Headford 7pm Mary Fahy 11.30 Mary McHugh.

Church Collections
With restrictions since March and more limited avenues of donation I'm very touched by people's thoughtfulness and generosity to their Parish. I list the ways people can donate.
Presbytery Letterbox some leave envelopes in my door which I secure right away, or give to me in person.
Bank Transfer: there is the option of Electronic Transfer which some have chosen to do, details below of the account for Both Headford and Claran please put your name or box number in the reference section.
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St Mary's Church Claran BIC BOFIIE2D IBAN Details IE62 BOFI 9038 7528 9727 25

Christmas Masses in the Parish will be as follows: **Christmas Eve 5pm & 7:30pm Claran 6.30pm & 9pm Headford Christmas Day 8am & 10am Claran 9am and 11:30am Headford.** With these additional Masses at Christmas, it is unlikely we will be able to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend. We also suggest that maybe each person might look to attend just one Mass between Weds 23rd -Sun 27th Dec. Please note that the Sunday obligation to attend mass has been lifted during this pandemic. This year because of restrictions and covid 19 it will be first come first served basis so come as early as possible especially if you have an anniversary mass for your family. 1. Keep physical distancing at all times, entering and leaving the Church as well as in the Church. 2. Everyone please wear a mask. 3. Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the Church. All Masses will be broadcasted live on the webcam, our facebook page and the parish radio.

New sets of Offertory Envelopes are now AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION. Please take your box from the front of the church. If there is anyone who does not receive a set and would like one please let us know. Thank you.

Christmas Greetings and Happy New Year to all the people of the parish at home and abroad. A special word of sympathy to all those who lost a loved one during the past year.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

19th 20th December Fourth Sunday Of Advent
Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 35448 info@headfordchurch.com
Website: www.headfordchurch.com Parish Radio 108fm. Facebook Page
Headford Parish Web cam: Churchtv.ie/headford, churchtv.ie/claran



Mass Intentions in Headford

Sat 19th December	***7:.00pm***	*Deirdre O'Shea Joyce Headford Anniversary* *The Coyne Family Headford & Loughrea* *Lucia Mulrooney- Cleary Anniversary*
Sun 20th Dec	***11.30am***	*Enrolment Mass First Communion Children* *Pat Audley Liss 7th Anniversary* *People of the Parish*
Mon 21st	***10.00am*** ***7.30pm***	*Triduum (2)* *Confessions 10:30-11:15am* *Luan McCaul 5th Anniversary*
Tues 22nd Dec	***11.30am***	*Mass In Claran*
Wed 23rd	***9.30am***	*Mass In Claran*
Thurs 24th christmas Eve	***12-1*** ***6.30pm*** ***9.00pm***	*Confessions 12-1* *People of the Parish* *Triduum (3)*
Fri 25th christmas Day	***9.00am*** ***11.30am***	*Ger Flanagan Ballyconlought & parents Margaret & Joe, Hight Street.* *Jackie, Patricia Steed & all deceased members of the Steede Family* *Tom Flynn Cong Road*
Sat 26th Dec	***7.00pm***	*John Lally Cloughanover* *Sean Daveron 2nd Anniversary*
Sun 27th Dec	***11:30am***	*May Corbett Main Street* *Bridie & Hubert Leonard Kilmaine* *Julia & Patrick McDonagh Deerpark*

Mass Intentions in Claran

Sun 20th Dec	***10.00am***	*Enrolment Mass First Communion Children* *Paul O'Toole 1st Anniversary.* *Martin, Delia Lydon & son John Lydon Anniversary Mass.*
Tue 22nd Dec	***9.30am*** ***10-10:30***	*Triduum (1)* *Confessions 10-10:30am*
Wed 23rd	***9.30am***	*Triduum (2)*
Thurs24th	***5:00pm*** ***7.:30pm***	*Get Well Mass Intention* *Triduum (3)*
Friday 25th Dec	***8:00am*** ***10:00am***	*Msgr Fursey O'Toole RIP* *John Noone & Deceased of Noone Family Curramore*
Sun 27th Dec	***10:00am***	*Michael & Margaret Lee Carnakib RIP*

Headford/Claran Parish Calendar 2021 We are selling a Parish Calendar which will feature photos of the "tour of the parish " during the initial lockdown. The cost of the Calendar will be €10. We are hoping to raise funds for the repairs to Headford Church roof. These will make the ideal gift for family and friends at home and abroad so please keep us in mind. Available now.

St Vincent de Paul local Helpline Number is 087 1727873 for those who are experiencing financial difficulty at this time. All enquiries are confidential. Special envelopes are available in the church to help with their Christmas appeal.

St. Fursey's LGFA will hold their annual 'Resolution Run' & walk on Sunday 3rd Jan 2021. No fixed time, do it when suits. Register online through St. Fursey's Clubforce website, €20 & includes a club hat plus entry into our spot prize draw.

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for your kindness and support during the past year. Thanks to everyone who ministered in any way, Parish staff, ministers of the word, ministers of the eucharist, sacristan, choirs, ushers, sanitizers, pastoral council, finance committee, liturgy group, community employment scheme.

Pedestrian safety: Although you can't be responsible for the way people drive, you can take a number of steps to make yourself safer as a pedestrian:
Stop, look and listen
Don't try to cross the road between parked cars
If possible, cross at a pedestrian crossing or traffic lights
Never cross at a bend
If there is a footpath use it
If there is no footpath, walk/run/jog on the right hand side of the road, facing oncoming traffic and keeping as close as possible to the side of the road
Walk no more than two abreast and if the road is narrow or there is heavy traffic, walk in single file

Increase your visibility
More than **two-thirds of fatal pedestrian collisions happen at night**. Although you can hear a car coming and see its lights, the driver may not see you (and certainly won't hear you).
To protect yourself make sure you:
Always wear a pair of reflective armbands, high-visibility belt or other reflective or fluorescent clothing which will help you to be seen from a distance
Carry a torch on country roads

Dear Lord, Don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of Peace, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.



Altar Candles for the year 2021: if any family would like to have a candle for the month for their intention please contact the office cost €10.00.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION My Jesus ,I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You .Amen

Communion at Home: We are very conscious that many parishioners have been unable to receive Communion since the lockdown. Many of you join with us for Mass via the Webcam, Facebook and on Parish Radio. House calls including First Fridays are not permitted during Phase 5 Lockdown (emergencies excepted). We can however bring Holy Communion to your front door Contact Parish Office for details and to arrange day and time.

***Sacristan In Claran**: Help required in opening and closing of church please contact Fr Ray at 093 35448.*

***Headford Parish Facebook** Page .Thanks to all of you who have liked the page. Tell your families away from home so that they can get the latest parish news.*

***Holy Water**: If people would like water to be blessed, please leave in a sealed container with name behind the Altar & it will be blessed and can be collected the next day*

Eucharistic Adoration In Claran Church each week Tuesday and Wednesday 10-11am Thursday evening 6-7pm.
Advent Family Prayer: Dear God, thank you for giving us these four weeks to prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son. We are so thankful for all the people that help us along this path we're traveling to welcome Jesus .God, bless our family and prepare our home and hearts to welcome your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world. Amen.

In despair Advent offers HOPE – the hope of a revitalised faith and church, the hope of respect and love for God's creation that is complete in the hope that Christ brings.(Thomas Merton)

Senior Line Freephone: If you are an older person and would like someone to talk to, particularly since Covid-19, consider phoning Senior Line. We are Ireland's national confidential service for older people. We are open every day of the year from 10am-10pm. We are older people too, trained to listen and support. We would love to hear from you. Freefone 1800 80 45 91.

Bealach Nua :We are a recovery oriented family peer support service which offers families/friends of people with mental health challenges an opportunity to engage with family peer supporters through individual, group work, wellness days and information evenings. For further information or to access the service please call 094 9049392 or Fran 086 0450835/Noel 087 9749288

Galway Rural Development are currently providing a winter assistance initiative for the elderly or vulnerable people in the community. The Rural Social Scheme Programme provides this service. This Service provides assistance for minor work including fitting of smoke alarms and the cleaning on gutters. For further information please contact GRD Branch office Tuam on 093 26211.

Solas Family Resource Centre: The main services we are fundraising for are Meals on Wheels and our Affordable Counselling Service. We provide meals on wheels for up to forty people daily and we cover an extensive area.
We provide Affordable Counselling to twenty five people weekly.
This is why we are appealing to you to make a donation to our Go Fund Me Campaign on www.solasfrc.ie or just drop it into Solas office. Thanking you for all your support in the past. **BEAUTIFUL HAND KNIT CARDIGANS AND JUMPERS FOR SALE IN SOLAS FRC**. They were knitted and donated by local lady Rose Finnerty. They are ideal Christmas presents, and fit children from 12 months to 4 years and are available in a variety of colours. **CHRISTMAS WREATHS, TABLE DECORATIONS AND CHRISTMAS CANDLES** ALL HAND KNITTED AND DECORATED ALSO AVAILABLE IN SOLAS.

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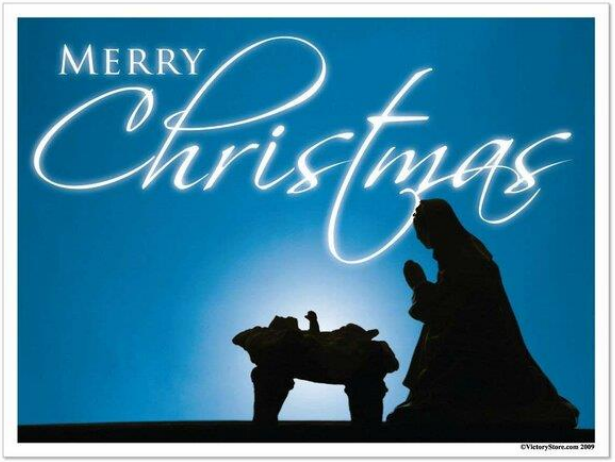
Accessing Services During COVID-19

Our Domestic Abuse Service & Refuge remains open during the COVID-19 crisis. We are available to women who are experiencing domestic abuse. If you or someone you know needs our help, please call our **24-hour confidential helpline - 091 565 985.**

We have COVID-19 prevention and social distancing measures in place to protect our clients and staff, ensuring all stay safe, whilst accessing the service.

A Blessing Prayer by the Family Crib God of all people, from the very beginning of creation you have shown us your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives He brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love .Lord, bless our family and all who will look upon this crib in the coming days; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and lift our thoughts to Him, who is God-with-us, our Emmanuel and the Saviour of all. Amen.





Help Needed For Families

Solas Family Resource Centre is supporting many families in the Headford/Claran, Kilcoona/Caherlistrane and Shrule/Glencorrib area.

During this very difficult time of the Covid-19 pandemic when many people are not working, not getting paid and finding it very difficult to provide food and necessities for their families, help is urgently needed.

We are asking for donations of vouchers for families who are going to find Winter 2020 especially difficult.

Vouchers can be purchased in many shops and businesses and we remember especially Santa will have to come at Christmas! Smyth's also do vouchers.



Solas Family Resource Centre

For more information:
Email: info@solasfrc.ie
Phone: 093-36446
Main Street, Headford, Co. Galway H91H6H0

Thank You!