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 €1105.00** last weekend and in **Claran €720.00**

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.

Death Notice: As a Parish Community we would like to extend our sympathies to the Family, Relatives and Friends of **Nora Heffernan Bushypark**, mother of Bernie Hannon Crossword .May she rest in peace.

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.
St Mary's Church Headford BIC BOFIIE2D IBAN Details IE27 BOFI 9038 7528 9740 34
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.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

12th 13th December Third 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 12th December	***7:.00pm***	*Nora Long (nee Hardiman) U.K.* *James McDonagh Winfort Anniversary Mass*
Sun 13th Dec	***11.30am*** ***7.00pm***	*People of the Parish* *Conor & Kathleen Bohan & Josephine Sheridan* *Lucy O'Brien, Margaret Rita & William O'Brien.* *Mary & Michael O'Connor & Deceased of the family.* *James Hynes Crosswood* *From God's House to your House Christmas Carols.*
Mon 14th	***10.00am***	*Pat & Mary Newell* *Nora & Michael Kyne Ballymana Anniv Mass* *Bridget Ward Anniversary*
Tues 15th Dec	***11.30am***	*Mass In Claran*
Wed 16th	***9.30am***	*Mass In Claran*
Fri 18th	***10.00am***	*Paddy Mullins RIP*
Sat 19th Dec	***10.00am*** ***7.00pm***	*Triduum (1)* *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*

Mass Intentions in Claran

Sun 13th Dec	***10.00am***	*Mathias Keady & Deceased members of the Keady Family* *Sr Kathleen Newell(sister of Fr Martin) 100yrs old today.*
Tue 15th Dec	***9.30am***	*Theresa Sweeney RIP Mass Card*
Wed 16th	***9.30am***	*Get Well Mass*
Sun 20th Dec	***10.00am***	*Enrolment Mass First Communion Children* *Paul O'Toole 1st Anniversary.* *Martin, Delia Lydon & son John Lydon Anniversary Mass.*

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.

"From God's House to your House"
Live Christmas Carols and music from Headford Church on Sunday 13th of December from 7pm to 8:15pm by local singers and musicians. This will be an on -line event only (not open to public). View live on our web cam, facebook or listen into on our parish radio. The Following are some of the people involved Don Stiff, Eamon Quinn, Fr Ray Flaherty, Matt Cunnigham & Family, Margaret Flanagan, Geraldine Farrell, Sandra Shalks, Orla Keane, Tom & Dick Joyce This is a special occasion as we approach Christmas to connect with family near and far. We hope by this event to lift the spirits and spark the joy of Christmas with loved ones.

Churches open for Mass : The usual restrictions will of course apply. It is really important that we are all extremely careful in order to stop the spread of the virus. 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.

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.

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 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING: Every year our team engage in extensive fundraising for the continuation of our wide range of community services. This year, our usual fundraising channels have all been closed as a result of the pandemic.
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.

Headford GAA Results: numbers were 6,12,14,26 No Winner. Jackpot €20,000 Next Draw Sunday 13th December.

Maynooth College Annual Christmas Service will be live streamed on Wednesday 16th December at 7.30pm on www.maynoothcollege.ie

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

COPE Galway

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.

Christmas Triduum of Masses will be offered on Sat 19th at10am, Mon 21st 10am, and Thursday 24th Dec at 9pm in Headford and on Tue 22nd at 9:30am, Wed 23rd at 9:30am and Thurs 24th Dec at 7pm in Claran.

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
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Thank You!