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 €** last weekend and in **Claran €**

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 January: Headford: Private Intentions Claran Intentions of Ann Sherry(Earnor)

Readers for the month of January
Claran Breda Joyce Headford
7pm Siobhan Waldron 11.30am Deirdre King

Death Notice: As a parish community we would like to extend our sympathies to the Family, Relatives and Friends of Mary Biggins Culleen May she rest in peace.

Religious Services: With effect from the 26th December 2020 Religious services will move online. Places of worship may remain open for private prayer only.

Our Lady of Fatima: First Saturday Devotions at 9:00 on the first Saturday of the month. Rosary & Meditation. Next Date is January 2nd. This will be live on the Webcam & parish Radio. Not open to the Public.

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

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.

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

Headford GAA: Results 4,9,12,20 next draw Monday 28th Dec Jackpot 20,000.

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

26th 27th December HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
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 26th December	***7:.00pm***	*John Lally Cloughanover* *Sean Daveron 2nd Anniversary* *People of the Parish*
Sun 27th Dec	***11.30am***	*May Corbett Main Street Anniversary Mass* *Bridie & Hubert Leonard Kilmaine* *Julia & Patrick McDonagh Deerpark*
Mon 28st	***10.00am***	*No Mass*
Tues 29th Dec	***9:30am***	*No Mass*
Wed 30th	***9.30am***	*No Mass*
Fri 1st Jan	***7:00pm***	*Mass In Claran*
Sat 2nd Jan	***7.00pm***	*The Hoverty Family*
Sun 3rd Jan	***11:30am***	*Baby Ellen Marie Egan, Cordarra & Special Intention* *Nonie & Tommy Rea & Deceased of the family.*

Mass Intentions in Claran

Sun 27th Dec	***10.00am***	***Michael & Margaret Lee Carnakib RIP***
Tue 29th Dec	***9.30am***	*No Mass*
Wed 30th	***9.30am***	*No Mass*
Friday 1st Jan	***7:00pm***	*Tom Murphy RIP Months Mind Mass*
Sun 3rd Jan	***10:00am***	*Rita & Taddy O'Connor* *Henry Conneely* *Roddy Greaney Anniversary*



St. Stephen's Day

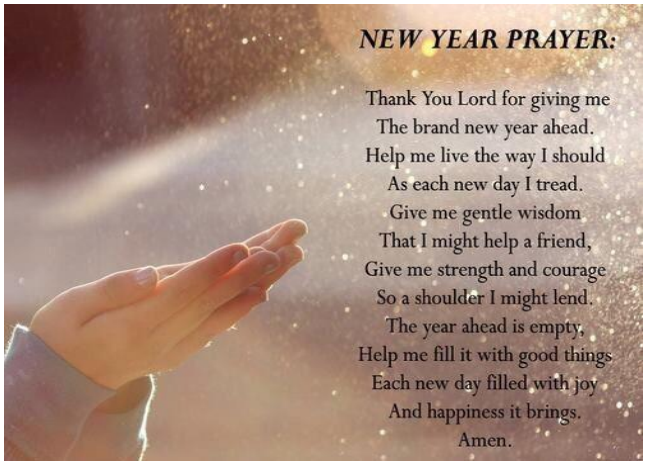
On December 26, we celebrate the feast day of St. Stephen who is considered the first martyr. In some parts of the world like Denmark, Germany, Finland and the Republic of Ireland this date is considered a public holiday and it coincides with Boxing Day which is also known as the second Christmas. St. Stephen is the patron saint of deacons, altar servers, stonemasons and casket makers. Saint Stephen lived an exemplary life as one of the seven deacons appointed by the Apostles to perform charitable acts to the poor.

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. Furseys clubforce website, €20 & includes a club hat plus entry into our spot prize draw.

"Headford District Association would like to express their sincere thanks to the people of Headford, and the local business community for their kind and generous support of our Christmas Lights Fundraiser. Our thanks also to Headford Rural Social Scheme for installing the lights. We wish you a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.'

ACCORD COUNSELLING SERVICE IN CASTLEBAR: The Accord Centre in Castlebar offers a safe, professional and confidential counselling process, facilitating couples and individuals to explore, reflect upon and resolve difficulties in their marriage and relationship. Please Contact 094 9022214 for an appointment or further information. Email: accordcastlebar@gmail.com.

In the New Year may you be blessed with all the good things God Has to give.



Thank you to all who have send in their Christmas dues to-date, much appreciated.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.