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

Baptism: Welcome into the Christian Community Ella Ruby Daveron Inishmacatreer.

Wedding Congratulations to Catherine Thomas and Glenn Kearney who were married in Headford Church 0n 28th December 202. We wish them every happiness in their future.

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.

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 GAA: Results 5,7,26,30 next draw Monday 3rd Jan Jackpot 20,000.

Holy Days this week: Wednesday 6th The Epipany of the Lord. Thursday 7th Saint Raymond of Penyafort.

Church Roof Renovations: I wish to acknowledge the generous donations received to the church over the Christmas time for the works to be carried out on the roof, €3,000 was received. Thanks to everybody that is helping in any way towards the funding of this project.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

2nd & 3rd January Second Sunday Of Christmas.
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

EPIPHANY

Sat 2nd Jan	***7:.00pm***	*The Hoverty Family.* *Peter Meeneghan Ballinduff 2nd Anniversary* *Alex Hughill, Surrey & Cong Rd* *Baby Jack & Pierce Langan, Cloonkeely*
Sun 3rd	***11.30am***	*Baby Ellen Marie Egan, Cordarra & Special Intention* *Nonie & Tommy Rea & Deceased of the family* *Tom Hardiman Cloughanover Anniversary Mass* *John Cloonan 17th Anniversary*
Mon 4th	***10.00am***	*Margaret Forde RIP Anniversary Mass*
Tues 5th	***9:30am***	*Mass In Claran*
Wed 6th *The Epiphany of the Lord*	***11.30am***	*Barbara Geary, RIP. Mass Card* *People of the Parish*
Fri 8th	***10:00am***	*Anthony, Charlie, Angelina & Bernie Ward, Tuam*
Sat 9th	***10.00am*** ***7.00pm***	*Tom Flynn 1st Anniversary* *Michael & Bridget Curran Ballycolgan* *Teresa Cody RIP* *Eddie Murphy Rochill & Dec Of Murphy & Molloy Family Ballycurran.* *John Biggins & all the deceased of the Biggins Family Culleen.*
Sun 10th Jan	***11:30am***	*Seamus Donnellan 5th Anniversary* *Christopher(Kit) Scally Kilbeg* *Cora Nolan Nee Scally* *Geraldine Scally* *John Joe Connell* *Michael McEvoy* *Margaret & John Joe O'Connor Galway Road Anniv*

Mass Intentions in Claran

Sun 3rd Jan	***10.00am***	***Rita & Taddy O'Connor*** ***Henry Connelly Anniversary*** ***Roddy Greaney Anniversary***
Tue 5th	***9.30am***	*Special Intention*
Wed 6th *The Epiphany of the Lord.*	***10.00am***	*Martin & Julia Halloran Careens*
Sun 10th Jan	***10:00am***	*Michael & Chris Egan 1st Anniversary Mass* *Margaret & Peter Woulfe Cloonkeely.*

The Blessing of homes for the feast of the Epiphany

There is a custom of blessing homes on the Feast of the Epiphany (6 January) when the family gather to ask God's blessing on their home and family life. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our homes.

Instructions for Blessing the Home:
Using the blessed chalk (which many parishes will bless and make available) mark the lintel of your front door as follows:
20 + C + M + B + 21 saying:
The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and nineteen years ago.
May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year.
Amen.

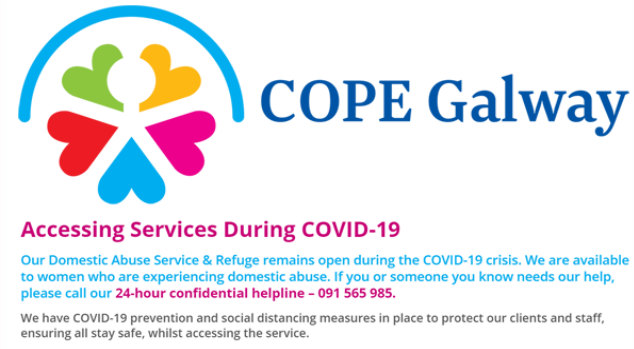
Then say the following prayer:
Visit, O Blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence.
Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love;
and grant that we may manifest your love to each other
and to all whose lives we touch.
May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you;
guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace,
O Jesus Christ, now and for ever.
Amen.

What does the inscription '20 + C + M + B + 21' mean?
The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi – Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar – who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, Christus mansionem benedicat: "May Christ bless the house."
The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "21" at the end mark the current year.
Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year. The new year, perhaps more than ever, is a year in which we need to invite Jesus into our homes. (Blessed Chalk and Prayer can be collected from the church they are located in a basket on the altar rails, please take one home.)

St Raymond of Penafort, Priest, Religious. *Born about 1175 near Barcelona (Spain) was a brilliant lawyer and at the age of 47 became a canon of the cathedral but soon after joined the Dominican Order, eventually being elected their master general. Noted for his knowledge of canon law, especially in its application to the sacrament of penance, and for his scholarly apostolate to Jews and Muslims.died there in extreme old age on 6 January 1275.* ***St Raymond's*** gift was as an organiser and codifier. He was also influential in promoting the evangelisation of Muslims and Jews during the 13th century. He is the patron saint of canon lawyers.



"When God Designs Something, He Leaves Himself There".



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

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.

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*

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.