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 €910.00** last weekend and in **Claran €290.00**

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 March: Headford: Paddy & Phil Ryder Main street. & Intentions of Murphy Family Kilbeg & Intentions for Pat & Mary Fahy Slievroe.

Readers for March: Headford: Saturday 7pm Rita O'Shea. Sunday 11.30 Mary McHugh. Claran 10am Michelle Kenny.

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 we will try and deliver the boxes that have been left in the church to people over the coming few days, due to covid we know that it may have proven difficult for people to collect. If there is anyone who does not receive a set and would like one please let us know. Thank you.

Headford GAA: Results 3,4,5,7 next draw Sunday Feb 21st Jackpot 20,000.

Parish Office is open . You can also contact us by phone or email and we will get back to you. We can arrange masses and mass cards over the phone and post them out to you .During this covid restricted times we should all try our best to follow the published COVID 19 Guidelines Social Distancing 2 metres, Hand Hygiene Cleaning & Sanitising Ventilation Face covering or mask 10 people at Funeral 6 at Weddings.6 at Baptisms strictly Immediate Family. Churches are open daily. Do drop in, say a prayer. Take a minute.

Adoration: In Headford Church Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7pm- 8pm. A Quiet moment to offer prayer and reflection.
Holy Hour on Parish Radio every Friday 3-4 pm with Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross.

Holy Days this week: Monday 22nd Chair of St Peter. Tuesday 23rd St Polycarp.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

20th 21st February First Sunday in Lent
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 20th	***7:.00pm***	*John & Nellie Lee Culleen* *People of the Parish*
Sun 21st	***11.30am***	*Annie Newell Annaghkeen*
Mon 22nd	***10.00am***	*John & Frances Hughes Oaklands & Nora Connelly Galway*
Tue 23rd	***7:00pm***	*Special Intention*
Wed 24th	***10:00am***	*Special Intention*
Fri 26th	***10:00am***	*Get Well Intention*
Sat 27th	***10.00am*** ***7.00pm***	*Special Intention* *Said Al Mawaly RIP*
Sun 28th	***11:30am***	*Padraic Creaven Headford Anniversary Mass & all the Deceased of the Creaven & Somers Family.* *John Newell 3rd anniversary & his wife Philemona Birthday Remembrance.*

Mass Intentions in Claran

Sun 21st	***10.00am***	*Jimmy Greaney Carheens and all Deceased of the Garvey Family Carheens* *Brendan Greaney RIP Anniversary Mass*
Tue 23rd	***7:00pm***	*Mass In Headford Church*
Wed 24th	***10.00am***	*Mass In Headford Church*
Sat 27th	***12:00noon***	***Month's Mind Mass Noel Egan RIP***
Sun 28th	***10:00am***	*Patrick & Bridget Walsh & their son Michael Joe.*

Loving someone is … Caring, Sharing, Bearing, Working, Changing – together.

Lent: The **beginning the season of lent**. As we all know Lent gives us the opportunity to renew and to reconnect with God. Many people agree more than ever that this year lent should *not* be about given up something – no, not this year! It has been hard enough with a pandemic. Rather, focus should be on taking up something. Renew our hope and love we have for our faith. Why not try taking up something new for lent this year.

First Communion Programme: In Preparation, every Friday morning from the 5th March as part of the Friday morning mass at 10am there will be a little talk for the children that are preparing to make their communion this May 2021(depending on Covid 19). Thumbs Work Book that is usually used is available now and you can collect these at the parish office Monday – Friday 10-2pm also when parents are calling to the office for the work books they can bring along a copy of the birth cert if the child has been baptised outside the parish, Fr will work from these books on each Friday morning.

Tuam Cancer Care will be running a FREE 6 week, Cancer Thriving & Surviving programme via Zoom, from 4th March. For more ingo or to register please the Centre on 093 28522".

Headford Girls National School is now taking new enrolments for the coming year 2021 . Please email the school on headfordgirlsns@gmail.com for enrolment forms or contact us by phone on 093 35377.

Cloughanover NS are now enrolling for September 2021. Please email the school at cloughanoverschool@gmail.com for enrolment forms.

Claran National School are now enrolling for this September. Check our website for further details www.clarannationalschool.ie and email Yvonne at office@clarannationalschool.ie for enrolment forms.

Footsteps Early Years (ECCE free preschool years) & School age services in Headford, Glencorrib & Knockroon now enrolling for Sept. 2021. Booking is essential. Please contact owner Edel on 087 6906462 or email edelfootstepspreschool@gmail.com.

Claran Montessori Preschool now enrolling eligible children for 2 free years ECCE sessional service Sept 2021. Afterschool service available also for preschool children. Contact Sheli Keaney, 087 657 7758

In his message for Lent 2021, Pope Francis calls on the faithful to "renew our faith, draw from the living waters of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God." After reminding us that "every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping, and loving".

My Rosary

What comfort just to clasp it, My rosary so dear, Each mystery brings fresh courage, And drives away all fear. In prayer so oft repeated, Yet never growing old, I read the wondrous story, Of God's own love unfold. Each chaplet forms a garland, To place at Mary's feet, Fair buds and full-bloom roses, Exhaling fragrance sweet. The crucifix which crowns it, Reminds me day by day, To bravely bear my crosses, Along earth's rugged way. I hope when life is ended, And death shall set me free, Still twined around my fingers, Will be my Rosary.

Irish Catholic Newspaper: Please drop dues in to office or sacristy if you still want to continue with your subscription.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am -8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

Prayer to St. Joseph.
O great St. Joseph, whose influence over the Hearts of Jesus and Mary is all powerful and who have never been invoked in vain, I ask, with the most firm and lively confidence, the speedy granting of my request. *(Name your petition).*

Dear St. Joseph, obtain for me the object of my prayer if it be for the glory of God and my own salvation; but if it is not, then obtain for me the grace lovingly to resign myself to the Will of my Heavenly Father, who in the afflictions He permits, as well as in the temporal favours He grants me, has in view only my happiness here and my eternal salvation. 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.

***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.

Letter From Heaven

Now I am contented that my life it was worthwhile, knowing as I passed along the way I made somebody smile. When you are walking down the street and you've got me on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps, only half a step behind…. And when you feel the gentle breeze or the wind upon your face that's me giving you a great big hug or just a soft embrace. So please don't be unhappy just because I'm out of sight. Remember that I'm with you. Every morning, noon and night.

The Life you live may soon be past, But the things you do for Love will last.

Consider taking the Pioneer Short-Term Pledge for Lent?, for the duration of Lent, many people choose to abstain from alcohol. If you would like to make this pledge for six weeks, you can join online at www.piomeerassociation.ie.

February Vigils
'Awaiting a New Dawn'Join us online each Friday evening during the month of February as we come together virtually for a period of extended prayer and reflection.
Join us live online from 7pm for Rosary, the celebration of the Eucharist and a Holy Hour from Knock Parish Church. See www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live and our Facebook page.

Knock Shrine
Faith Renewal Events – Online www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

Tuesday Scripture Reflections *Exploring the Word of God through Prayer'*

A series of online scripture reflections
9pm, Tuesday nights

Every Tuesday night at 9pm Knock Shrine will show a series of online night prayer with reflections on scripture. Students from St Louis Community School Kiltimagh will deliver this series of online reflections**.**

We are inviting people to join us for these short reflections, to end the day in a prayerful and peaceful way and to enjoy a quiet time to explore various aspects of Scripture.

You can join us for this new series every Tuesday at 9pm at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

'Living Christian Faith' - Lenten Conversations Knock Shrine will host a new series of online discussions to engage you during Lent. Join Fr Eamonn Conway and guests online each Thursday evening at 8.30pm.
Beginning on 18 February, the online discussions will run each week of Lent, ending on Thursday 25 March. Full programme details are available at www.knockshrine.ie/news

To watch, simply log on to www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

KILCOONA NS: Enrolment Forms for 2021/2022 school year are presently being accepted and may be downloaded on www.kilcoonans.ie or on request by emailing info@kilcoonas.ie

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Note: To those of you who are feeling fragile, frightened and alone, please don't, we're all going through the same thing. At the same time, there's a struggle for some of you. We're are on your side and we're thinking of you today. Try to stay optimistic and we will get through this, please feel free to pick up the phone at any time and give us a ring if you need anything or just a friendly chat. Stay Safe.

Tuam Marriage Preparation Courses: Accord Castlebar Bookings www.accord.ie or tel 094 9022214

Pope Francis announced a special year dedicated to the family "Amoris Laetitia" (Joy of Love) from 19th March 2021 - 26th June 2022. *God help us to speak life to each other this day. May we be kind to our family and use words to build each other up. May we have a listening ear to hear and respond to each other.*

Masses in Headford Church and Claran church are been booked up, please do allow for a month or two in advance for bookings to avoid disappointment . Thank you.