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 €690** last weekend and in **Claran €530**

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 Candle Intentions. Headford:Private Intention. Claran:Intentions of the Langan & Stiffe Families.

Readers for April: Headford: Saturday 7pm Sharon Joyce. Sunday 11.30 Aine Farrell. Claran 10am Mary Fahy.

Death Notices: As a Parish Community we would like to extend our sincere sympathies to the Family, Relatives and Friends of Maitiu O Domhnaill brother of Lorrraine O'Toole, brother in law of Kenneth O'Toole, Curraghmore. James Kilbane, father of Aishling Joyce, father in law of Kevin Joyce, Ellagh Estate. May they 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
Thank you to all who sent in the CHY3 Certs.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2021. Please return your Trocaire boxes at your convenience.

First Communion update: 4th May Religious services is to reopen on a staggered basis, this is the date we have been given by the Government and Nphet. Our hope is still to go ahead with the dates we have given except for the first weekend in May. **Dates are as follows:** May 8th Headford Boys & Girls N.S @ 11am / 12:30 pm (Depending on Numbers further details to follow regarding numbers as they are announced by the government) May 8th Cloughanover N.S. @ 1:30pm. May 15th Claran N.S. @ 11am / 12:30pm Clydagh N.S. 1:30pm

First Reconciliation: Monday 26th April Headford N.S (In Headford Church @1pm). Wednesday 28th April Cloughanover N.S. @ Ipm (In School). Thursday 29th April Claran N.S (In Claran Church at 11am). Friday 30th April Clydagh N.S @ 11:00am (In School)**.** This year First Confession will take place in the school where possible.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

17th 18th April Third Sunday of Easter.
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 for Headford

Sat 17th April	***7:.00pm***	Joe Gleeson Bridge Street Anniversary Mass Michael Corbett, Ross Anniversary & Deceased members of the Corbett & Kilcoyne Families. People of the Parish.
Sun 18th	***11.30am***	John & Mary McDonagh Galway Rd. John Molloy, Ower Anniversary Mass Tom Nohilly, Castleview & Sister Mary and all the Deceased of the Nohilly & Broderick Families. Kees & Maida Schalks. Anniversary Mass.
Mon 19th	***10.00am***	Margaret Gorham & Deceased of all the Gorham Family.
Tue20th	***10:00am***	Noel Egan, RIP Mass Card
Wed 21st	***10:00am***	Special Intention
Friday 23rd	***10:00am***	Thomas & Hannah Joyce & Deceased of the Joyce Family.
Saturday 24th	***10:00am*** ***7:00pm***	Ger Joyce RIP Mass Card John Joe & Margaret O'Connor Galway Rd. Annie Tighe & Deceased of the Tighe Family , Knockroone. People of the Parish.
Sun 25th	***11:30am***	**Christy Hackett Months Mind Mass** Deceased members of Lally & Kyne Families Cloughanover & Cahernaheena, Ballycolagan. Jimmy Walsh & Deceased members of the Walsh Family, Main St.

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 17th	***10:00am***	Kathleen Keady & all the Deceased of the Keady Family. Paschal Hynes, Claran Birthday Remembrance.
Tue 20th	***10.00am***	Mass In Headford
Wed 21st	***10.00am***	Mass In Headford
Sunday 25th	***10:00am***	Joe Halloran & all the Deceased of the Halloran Family,

(Feast Days)St Anselm 21st, and St George 23rdApril



First Communion Programme: In Preparation, every **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).. Next Mass Friday 23rd April

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

Headford GAA: Results 4,8,16,29 next draw Sunday 18th April, Jackpot 20,000.

Level 5 Restrictions: Baptisms, they are still going ahead with a limited number of people in attendance. **Weddings** can still go ahead with a limited number of people in attendance. **Funerals** ten people in attendance this is to change from the 26th April to 25**.** Enquiries: For all queries regarding Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals etc., please contact the Parish Office.

Galway Sports Partnership is inviting you to take part in our free challenge "9 to 9". Track your walks, runs or cycles, compete against your neighbours, family and friends and join free online classes in yoga and dance if you like! You will need to use map my fitness app to be part of the leader boards. Alternatively, we will work with you to create a way for you to log your mileage! Best of luck. https://form.jotform.com/galwayactive/9to9 Contact Galway Sports Partnership on their Facebook page or 091 509572 for more information.

Initial submission phase of Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland

On 10 March 2021, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference announced a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Conversations at local, regional and national level have informed the work of a dedicated subgroup of the Bishops' Conference which was established to further explore this idea. During their 2020 Winter General Meeting, bishops decided to proceed along a synodal pathway, and, since then, have been assisted and greatly encouraged by Cardinal Mario Grech and Sr Natalie Becquart, of the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops in Rome. Cardinal Grech and Sr Becquart addressed the Irish Bishops on the theme of synodality on 3 February 2021. Commenting on the Synodal Pathway, Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick said, "Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: parish hall meetings, focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences. "Feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday 23 May 2021, ought to focus on the nature of the *process* for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation, rather than on the prospective themes for the Synodal Pathway, which will be addressed in the next phase. "It is said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. I think the possibility of submissions on the Irish Bishops' Conference website on what methods/models to adopt in the coming two years of conversations is a simple but significant step and I hope many will offer their suggestions."On the new Synodal Pathway webpage, see www.catholicbishops.ie/synod, people are invited to offer feedback to the following question: What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod? The responses will be considered by the task group to be put in place by the bishops this summer to plan and oversee the first steps along the synodal pathway.

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

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).*

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Chy3 Charity Donations Scheme: Thanks to all who have returned forms. It's still not too late to sign up. Only requirements is you need to be donating €250.00 or more to the Church in each calendar year. Please consider doing so as it is a substantial income for the church and it costs you no more than your usual contributions each week. Your PPS no. is forwarded to revenue along with the amount donated in your envelopes and revenue takes care of the rest. If you would like further information contact the presbytery also the forms are available at the Church doors please feel free to take one fill it up and return to office. Thanks to all who have signed up to the scheme so far.

Anger Management: Online Course: Knock Counselling Centre have announced details of their spring online anger management programme. "Temper Your Anger" starts online on Tuesday 13 April, 6:30pm-8:30pm and runs for five consecutive Tuesday evenings. The online programme is run in conjunction with the Irish Association for Anger Management and teaches participants tools and techniques to control their emotions and express anger in a healthy way. For further information, contact Peter Devers at Knock Counselling Centre, 0949375032 or log on to www.knockshrine.ie

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER: ***To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)*** To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

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.

Are you or someone you know aged 100 years or older? Athlone Institute of Technology is currently researching the lives lived by Irish centenarians and is actively looking for participants. Contact Alison via email at a.fagan@research.ait.ie for more information on this project

