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 €550** last weekend and in **Claran €445**

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 for May:
Headford:Intentions of Fadden Family Castleview. Claran:Intentions of Ann Sherry(Earnor).

Readers for May Headford: Saturday 7pm Rita O'Shea. Sunday 11.30 John McHugh
Claran 10am Neasa Cosgrove.

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.

Congratulation to all the children from all the National schools in the Parish that made their First Confession this week.

Holy Days this week Monday 3rd Ss Philip & James, Tuesday 4th St Conleth.

Headford GAA: Results 7,17,22,28 next draw Sunday 2nd May, Jackpot 20,000.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock 2021: The annual diocesan pilgrimage to Knock takes place ONLINE only this Sunday, 2 May 2021. Ceremonies begin at 2.30 p.m. Archbishop Michael Neary will be the celebrant of the Mass at 3.00 p.m. Access is through the Knock Shrine website.

Mass Bookings: Please note that due to high volume of mass bookings, we would strongly advise to allow two to three months in advance for booking anniversary masses to ensure you can get the dates you would like.

Holy Communion PYX could anybody who has borrowed any communion Pyx please return them to the church. Thank you.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

1st 2nd May Fifth 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 1st	***7:.00pm***	Brendan Hannon, Cloughanover, Anniversary Mass & Bridie, John & Patrick. Frank, Delia Kenny & Deceased members of the family. John Kyne, Ballyconnlaught 6th Anniversary People of the Parish.
Sun 2nd	***11.30am***	Michael McDonagh Headford & Bagnelstown. John Ward & his father Marty & brother Martin & deceased members of the ward & Stokes family. Angela Jefford RIP. Birthday Remembrance. Paddy Joyce, Headford.
Mon 3rd	***10.00am***	Fr Michael Kenny P.P. RIP
Tue 4th	***10:00am***	Get Well Mass
Wed 5th	***10:00am***	Special Intention
Friday 7th	***10:00am***	Mary Fahy, RIP Carnakib
Saturday 8th May	***10:00am*** ***7:00pm***	Deceased members of the O'Malley Family The Square. Deceased Members of the Duddy Family Rafee/Ballyconnlaught. Tom Ward Culleen 6th Anniversary Bridget & Michael Curran Ballycolagan.
Sun 9th May	***11:30am***	Tom Sweeney, Ballyhale Anniversary Mass Pete Burke, England & Late of Gortnamona. Pauline Steede Gortnamona 16th Anniversary & her husband Michael & all the steede & Reddington Families.

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 2nd	***10:00am***	John James Earnor 1st Anniversary Fr Martin Newell Birthday Mass.
Tue 4th	***10.00am***	Mass In Headford
Wed 5th	***10.00am***	Mass In Headford
Sun 9th May	***10:00am***	Michael Walsh, Carrowbeg.

Let us be little burnings lights that give light to all. Let us make our society something beautiful for God. Let us be little flames, spreading the flame of love and concern, to wipe a tear and bring a smile. Show each one something beautiful for God above, something beautiful to show our love.

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. Next Mass Friday 7th May. This is the Last programme. Thank you to all the Teachers, Parents and you the children for joining me every Friday morning to help prepare for your First Communion.

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

Pastoral Council Meeting takes place Tuesday 4th May @7pm via Zoom

Reminder for everyone aged 60 and over to register for their vaccine :We would like to remind everyone aged 65-69 to register for their COVID-19 vaccine through the HSE's online registration system or on the phone with HSE Live Following the success of the online registration for people aged 65-69, we are inviting those aged 60-64 to register from Friday 23 April. However, before we do, we want to remind those aged 65-69 who have yet to register to make sure to register as soon as possible. Everyone in this age group is now eligible to register including: frontline healthcare workers who haven't gotten an appointment through their workplace, people aged 65-69 who have a health condition that puts them at very high risk (vaccine allocation Group 4) and who haven't been given an appointment through their hospital or healthcare team **Online registration – information for patients and service users** People in this age group who are registering online will need their Personal Public Service Number (PPSN), their Eircode, an email address or a mobile phone number. A friend or family member can help. If someone is finding it difficult to go online and register or they can ring HSELive for support on **1850 24 1850** or **01 240 8787** from 8am to 8pm, 7 days. If a person doesn't have a PPSN they can register on the phone with HSElive. Once registered the person will receive their vaccine appointment for the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine. If a person is deaf or hard of hearing, they can text HSELive on **086 1800 661** to register for your vaccination.

Notice regarding First Holy Communion: following last night's announcement on the 29th April 2021 from the government and with consultation with the Archbishop, we will be unable to go ahead with all of the first Holy Communions during the month of May. It is unclear about when they might go ahead in the near future. I will not be setting any future date for the first Holy Communion ceremonies until such a time as it is safe to do so and I receive instruction from the relevant authorities. It is with a great sense of disappointment that I give you this news, but as you can appreciate it is beyond my control. Thanking you for all your co-operation to-date.

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith. "Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love ,to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities ,but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.





St Mary's Church Restoration Fund. Our church in Headford is a very important part of our local community, both as an historic building renowned for its architectural beauty and as the focal point of our Catholic faith. The church is over 155 years old having been built in 1865 by Fr. Peter Conway. Like all old buildings requires constant care and maintenance. Various minor works have been completed over the past few years, however the most pressing and now urgent requirement is to improve the heating and insulation of the church. The result of this major piece of work will be to make the church much warmer, greatly improving the level of comfort for churchgoers while also saving on the heating bill. This will involve a number of different projects, the most urgent of which is the roof, part of which has fallen down in recent times. This is now an urgent health and safety issue. As you may be aware, we have been quietly raising funds for the church restoration through offertory collections and various fundraising activities such as the calendar and Triduum Mass cards. However, to move forward with this project will require much additional funds and a fundraising committee has been formed made up of members of the pastoral council and finance committee. We are currently engaged in finalising a project plan including estimates of costings for all the works involved while in parallel organising a major fundraising effort. In the coming months, we plan to hold a major fundraising drive. We plan to promote this fundraising drive extensively in the community and online the Headford church online services attract thousands of online visitors on a weekly basis. If there is anybody who would be interested in getting involved with this project, or anybody that has any contacts or may be in a position to help out in any way please don't hesitate to contact me at 093 35448. Our next committee zoom meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th April.

New to Our Headford Parish web page

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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

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

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