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 €440** last weekend and in **Claran €385**

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 **Sunday 10am** Neasa Cosgrove
Ministers of the Eucharist 7pm Bernie Sweeney. **11.30am** John McHugh.
Claran Sunday **10am** Helena Hastings.

Your Prayers are **requested for the soul of Patricia (Isha) Crosby nee Coyne, Renmore and Manusflynn –** sister of **Tom Coyne** and **Carmel Connolly, Manusflynn & Kathleen Ware, Headford.**

Rosary each evening at **7pm** for the month of May. Except for **Wed. May 19th** it will be at **6pm. Saturday** it will take place **6.30pm**

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.

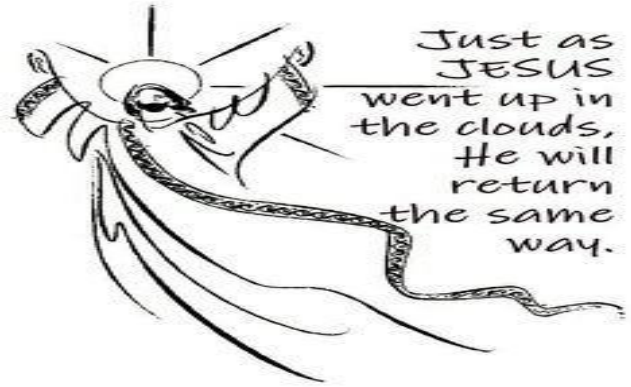
Mass Bookings: Please note that due to high volume of mass bookings, we would strongly advise to allow two to three months in advance for booking anniversary masses to ensure you can get the dates you would like.

Feast Days for the coming week: Tuesday **St John 1**. Thursday **St. Bernadine.** Friday **St Christopher Magallanes & Companions.**. Saturday **St Rita**. Sunday next is **Pentecost Sunday**

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

iDonate Making Giving Easier **Now active on our website**

Parish of Killursa & Killower



15th/16th May The Ascension of The Lord
World Communications Day
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 15th	***7:.00pm***	Kathleen Waldron RIP (1st Anniversary) Peter Corbett, Bridge St. RIP (Anniversary) Joseph Carr, Ballyfruit RIP (5th Anniversary)
Sun 16th	***11.30am***	Mary Walsh, Bridge St RIP (1st Anniversary) John & Anne King, Crossaun. RIP Mick Corbett, Main St RIP (Anniversary) People of the parish.
Mon 17th	***10.00am***	Deceased of the Hackett Family, Cordarra RIP
Fri 21st	***10:00am***	Brennan & Hughes Family, Deerpark
Sat 22nd	***10:00am*** ***7:00pm***	Michael Moloney, Deerpark RIP Paschal Hynes, Claran RIP (3rd Anniversary) Tommy Geraghty, High St. RIP (6th Anniversary) Todd Corbett, Main St, RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 23rd	***11:30am***	**John King, Crossun (Months Mind)** and all deceased of the King & Walsh Family, Headford RIP Aidan Hickey RIP (Anniversary) Oliver Creaven, Currandulla RIP (5th Anniversary) Ann & James Fitzgibbons RIP (Anniversary) Peggy O'Connor, Kilroe RIP (7th Anniversary)

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 16th	***10:00am***	Ann Walsh, Carrrowbeg and all deceased of Family. Johnie Keady, Owerbeg Anniversary and all deceased of family.
Tues 18th	***9.30am***	Deceased of the Hynes Family, Claran.
Wed 19th	***9.30am***	Private Intention.
Sun 23rd	***10:00am***	**David Lee late of Carnakib RIP (Months Mind)** Nora Roche, Caherlistrane (1st Anniversary) and Batty Kennedy,(Anniversary) and all deceased members of the family RIP.

Congratulations and Best of Luck to the Leaving Cert Class of 2021 of Presentation College Headford. We wish them well in their future endevors. Graduation Mass takes place Wed. May 19th at 7pm in Headford Church. Can be viewed on line churchtv.ie/headford

Churches are now open to the public for Mass There will be a limit of **50** in the congreagation as per government guide lines.. It is on a first come basis. Stewards are on duty to help and guide you to the designated seats. For many of us this means we can no longer sit in our ususl spot. We ask you all to please bring and wear your own facemask. Please use hand sanitizer on entering the church. Please comply with instructions of stewards at all times. Church will be filled from the Top Seats. Please receive Holy Communion in the hand. Please remember to keep a safe distance at all time. Thank you.

Welcome Back, thank you to the volunteers, pastoral council and all who made the necessary preparations for our reopening and all those who are helping as ushers and, sanitisers and readers. Thank you to all who have supported both churches during this time by sending in their envelopes and contributing to the priests dues. This would not be possible without your continued help encouragement and financial support. Thank you. **More volunteers are needed** to help out to continue the smooth running of the reopening. Please contact the office if interested. Thank you.

Monthly visits to the elderly and housebound will return in July. Should any urgency arise please contact the parish office. Thank you for your co-operation.

Knock Shrine: Visitors are welcome to attend public Mass at the following times: Monday-Friday in the Parish Church at 12 noon, 3pm & 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm) Saturdays in the Basilica at 12 noon, 3pm & 7.30pm (Rosary at 7pm) Sundays in the Basilica at 12 noon & 3pm (Rosary at 2.30pm) Confessions are available daily from 11am-3pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation Private Prayer is available daily in the Apparition Chapel from 9am-9pm We ask you to be mindful of your own safety and that of your fellow pilgrims when you visit Knock Shrine and to respect proper advice such as wearing masks, sanitising hands and keeping the proper distance. Our ushers and stewards are on hand to assist you as you participate in the Sacraments here at the Shrine. We will continue to stream Mass daily on our website here. Full details of our opening hours and Mass times are available here.

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 . Churches are open daily. Do drop in, say a prayer. Take a minute.

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

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).*

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

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

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 phone on 093 35377.

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

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

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

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 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

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.

Reminder for everyone aged 50 and over to register for their vaccine :We would like to remind everyone aged 50-59 to register for their COVID-19 vaccine through the HSE's online registration system or on the phone with HSE Live Everyone in this age group is now eligible to register including: frontline healthcare workers who haven't gotten an appointment through their workplace, people 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

Next Sunday May 23rd is Pentecost Sunday

