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 €395.00** last weekend and in **Claran €450.00. Thank you.**

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 August: Headford: Private Intention. **Claran** Intentions of Jim & Breda Joyce, Carrowbeg

Readers for August Headford: **Saturday 7pm** Martina Rea. **Sun 11.30** Aine Farrell.. Claran **Sun 10am** Nora D'Arcy.
Ministers of the Eucharist Headford **7pm** Mary Fahy **11.30am** Mary McDonagh.. **Claran** Sun. **10am** Mary Fahy

We as a Parish Community would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the family, friends, and relatives of **Margaret Gavaghan, Swinford** – Mother of Patricia Gorham, Cloughanover. **Jimmy Murphy, Ballina** – Father of Mary and Father in Law of Enda Langan, Claran. **Billy Lohan, Cloughanover**. **Paddy Joe Connell, Ballyfruit. Phylis Mangan, Carrowbeg.** 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.**

St Mary's Church Headford Roof Restoration Draw. Follow our facebook page to view all the fantastic prizes on offer.

Now active on our website

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Parish of Killursa & Killower

21st/22nd August 2021 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 21st Aug	**7.00pm**	Br Michael Burke O.F.M. RIP Johnny Walsh, Bawnmore RIP John Burke, Castleview RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 22nd	**11.30am**	Charlie & Anthony, Bernie & Angelina Ward & all deceased of Ward Family, Ballygar RIP
Mon 23rd		**No Mass**
Fri 27th	**7.00pm**	**Cargin Graveyard Mass**
Sat 28th	**10:00am** **7:00pm**	Ann Cheevers RIP (Mass Card) Joe McDonagh, Ballyhale RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 29th	**11:30am**	Nora, Jack, Joe and all deceased members of the Gibsey Family, Keernaun RIP

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 22nd Aug	**10.00am**	James Lee, Carnakib RIP (Anniversary) Michael & Thomas Newell, Annakeen RIP (Anniversary) Patsy Walsh, Millpark RIP (Anniversary)
Tue 24th		**No Mass**
Wed 25th		**No Mass**
Sun 29th	**10:00am**	Gerry Walsh, Carnakib, RIP (Anniversary)

Feast Days this week: Monday: St Eugene. St Rose of Lima.: **Tuesday**: St Bartholomew.. **Wednesday**: St Louis of France, St Joseph Calasanz **Friday:** St Monica **Saturday:** St. Augustine

Cargin Graveyard Mass will take place on **Friday August 27thh** at **7pm**. Government guidelines apply, Sanitiser stations will be provided at both graveyards. Please remember to maintain social distancing at all times during & after mass. **This mass will only go ahead weather permitting. .**

Choir: It is hoped to start up some music/singing in both churches from September. If there are any duets, three piece groups that would like to take part, please contact the parish office on 093 35448.

Altar Servers: Fr Ray hopes to start bringing back some altar servers. Anyone from 3rd to 6th Class that think they may be interested, could a parent/guardian please contact the office so the appropiate safeguarding forms can be filled out. Its been a while since we have had servers on the Altar during mass, and it would be wonderful to see them return as they add so much to the weekend mass.

Restoration Fundraising Raffle Tickets are on sale. Each household are asked to please take a book and try and sell. You will find an envelope with your name and address left on the front seats of both churches. Tickets can be also purchased from the parish office or by phone. Thank you for your continued support.

Joint Committee Meeting for the Restoration, Pastoral Council & Finance Committee's on **Tuesday 24th August** at **8pm** in **The Parish Hall.**

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 so you can get the dates you would like.

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

Galway Memorial Walk in aid of **Galway Hospice** is a special way to celebrate loved ones no longer with us. Covid means we can't all come together but Galway Hospice is asking everyone to walk somewhere special to them on Sunday 12th September. Register at www.galwayhospice.ie/walk or 091-770868.

All Stars Academy of Performing Arts" We are NOW ENROLLING and taking BOOKINGS for our September 2021 CLASSES – at St Fursa's Hall)- TUESDAY'S MUSICAL THEATRE / SPEECH & DRAMA / BALLET - Classes (for ALL ages www.allstarsacademy.ie Tel 087 9888841 Phil/Elly

Guided nature tours for Heritage Week: Enjoy a free guided nature tour of the beautiful gardens and grounds of the **National Museum of Ireland** at **Turlough Park, Castlebar**, for National Heritage Week 2021. Next tour take place on **Saturday, 21st August** at **1pm, 2pm** and **3pm**; and **Sunday, 22nd August**, at **2pm, 3pm** and **4pm**. Booking is required. Email educationtph@museum.ie to book your place.

Mass Cards: There is now available in the parish office a selection of mass cards for different occasions: Sympathy, Birthday Remembrance, Get Well, Mass Bouquet, Thinking of you etc. Some of these offerings, together with the intentions are been forwarded to Missionary priests to celebrate individual Masses as requested. It would be impossible to say all these masses in the parish

Parish Office . You can 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, we are now in a position to take card payments over the phone. Office Hours: **Monday to Friday 10.00am – 1.00pm.**

First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima 9am in Headford Church on the first Saturday of the month. Rosary & Meditation followed at 10am with Mass. **Next Date is September4th**

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.

Holy Hour on Parish Radio every Friday 3-4 pm with Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross.

Adoration: In Headford Church Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7pm-8pm. A Quiet moment to offer prayer and reflection.

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.

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, please don't hesitate to contact me at 093 35448

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.

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

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

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

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

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).*

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.