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 905..00** last weekend and in **Claran €490.00. 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 September: Headford: Intentions of Mary O'Connor & Family. Nora Martyn & Family, Keernaun.. **Claran** Intentions of Bridie Reddington & Family, Eaglewood.

Altar candles for 2022: Please call in or phone the office if you wish to get your intention for the Altar Candles

Readers for September Headford: **Sat 7pm** Volunteer needed. **Sun 11.30** Deirdre King.. Claran **Sun 10am** Breda Joyce.. **Ministers of the Eucharist** Headford **7pm** Geraldine Hannon **11.30am** Siobhan Waldron. **Claran** Sun. **10am** Martina Lee

Novena To Our Lady Untier of Knots will commence on **Monday 20th Sept**. in **Headford Church**.

Volunteer Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist. Etc needed for each night of our Novena. If anyone would like to put themselves forward please contact Brigid in the office.

Choir: If there are any duets, three piece groups interested, please contact the parish office on 093 35448.

Altar Servers: This is the final call for Altar Servers, could a parent/guardian please contact the office by phone or email if interested so the appropiate safeguarding forms can be filled out. Training will take place next week.

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.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

11th/12th September 2021 Twenty Fourth 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 11th Sept	**7.00pm**	Thomas Paul Creaven. RIP (Anniversary)
Sun 12th	**11.30am**	Willie Murphy & deceased of Corbett & Murphy Families Headford and Kinlough RIP
	1.00pm	**Funeral Mass for Margaret Fahy, Lettera RIP**
Mon 13th	**10.00am**	Peter,Mary & Fursey Greaney, Ballyhale RIP
Tues 14th	**9.30am**	**Mass in Claran**
Wed 15th	**9.30am**	**Mass in Claran**
Fri 17th	**10.00am**	Sr Margaret Moran RIP
Sat 18th	**10.00am**	Private Intention.
	7.00pm	**Phyllis Mangan, Carrowbeg RIP (M.M)** Paddy Waldron, Clydagh RIP (7th Anniv) Charles & Julia O'Connor, Headford RIP
Sun 19th	**11:30am**	Paddy, John, Michael and all deceased of Brennan family RIP Private Intention

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 12th Sept	**10.00am**	Martin Reddington, Eaglewood RIP (Anniv) Annie Hynes, Owerbeg RIP (10th Anniversary)
Tue 14th	**9.30am**	Private Intention.
Wed 15th	**9.30am**	Cormac Garvey, Gortbrack RIP
Sat 18th	**1.30pm**	**Kitty Lee, Carnacrow RIP (Months Mind)**
Sun 19th	**10:00am**	John Joe Lee, Carnakib RIP (1st Anniversary) And his son David Lee RIP (Birthday Rem) Margaret Faherty, Inishmacatreer (2nd Anniv)

Feast Days this week: Monday: St. John Chrysostom. **Tues:** The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. **Wed:** Our Lady of Sorrows. **Thursday:** Ss Cornelius & Cyprian. **Friday:** St Robert Bellarmine, St Hildegard of Bingen.

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives, friends and neighbours of **Maura McDermott, Meadow Hill** and late of Swinford. **Margaret Fahy, Lettera.** May they rest in peace.

New Government Guidelines from **Monday 6th Sept.. Religious Ceremonies:** All religious ceremonies can proceed with 50% of church capacity, regardless of immunity status of attendees. **Weddings:** There will be no change to the current limits (100 guests) 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. Please receive Holy Communion in the hand. Please remember to keep a safe distance at all time. Thank you

Restoration Fundraising Rafffle: Tickets are now on sale. Each household should have received a book by now and are asked to please reach out to family and friends near and far. . Tickets can also be purchased from the parish office or by phone or through our donate button on our website.
Thank you to all who sponsored our fundraiser so far and helped out along the way. A full list of prises will be published shortly.Follow our facebook page to view all the fantastic prizes on offer so far.

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers need for both churches. We have lost a lot of our volunteers over the past 15 months. If you think you would like to volunteer please contact Brigid in the office**. It would be lovely to see teenagers, young adults coming forward.** Thank you to all who already given so much of their time, it is much appreciated.

Restoration & Finance Committee meeting at 7**.30pm** on **Tuesday 14th** in **St Fursa's Parish Hall.**
Pastoral Council meeting at **8pm** on **Tuesday 14th September in St Fursa's Parish Hall.**

Corrib Male Singers are returning after Covid lockdown on **Tuesday night next September 14th** at **8pm** in the **Anglers Rest Hotel**. New members are always welcome.

Sean Chairde are back for our 20th year in **St. Fursa's Hall** on **Friday 17th September.** We welcome new members**. Transport** is available by **contacting Lena** at **087 2873542.** All Covid protocols will be in place. Looking forward to meeting old friends and to welcoming new members.

Season of Creation 1st September to 4th October
A prayer for the Earth God our Creator, maker of all that is, seen and unseen; you are present in the breadth and depth of creation. Yet, we are distracted by the gods of the marketplace. Our lives have become fractured and fragmented. In our brokenness we disturb the Earth's capacity to hold us. Help us to choose love over fear, to change ourselves and not the planet, to act justly, and to make a difference today for our life tomorrow. (Martyn Goss, Diocese of Exeter {adapted})

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

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option**. Advance booking is essential.** For further information email info@loughderg.org

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.**

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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

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

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 October 2nd**

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.

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

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).*

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.

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

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

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

