Mass Times may need to be changed at short notice,
Confessions: By appointment

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 €930.00** last weekend and in **Claran €430.00. 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 December: Headford: Private Intention and Intentions Mary Raftery and family. **Claran** Intentions Joyce Family, Knocklahard & Ann & Liam Greaney..

Readers for December Headford: **Sat 7pm** Rita O'Shea. **Sun 11.30am** Mary McHugh. Claran **Sun 10am** Michelle Kenny.
Ministers of the Eucharist Headford **7pm** Mary Fahy & Mary M Kyne. **11.30am** Mary McHugh & Siobhan Waldron. **Claran** Sun. **10am** Tom D'Arcy. .



The Fourth Week of Advent, our final days of preparation before Christmas, we ask Christ to forgive us for our sins and, through His grace, to create us anew when He comes. This week is also a time to reflect on our Advent journey

Christmas Triduum Cards now on sale in the Parish **Office €3 each or 4 for €10.** Masses will be offered in Headford on the 20th, 23rd, 24th at 10am and in Claran on 21st, 22nd at 9.30am and 24th at 7pm.

Christmas Dues which goes towards the priests of the parish will be collected at all masses on **Christmas Eve/Day.** Thank you for your continued support.

Offertory Envelopes Thank you to the volunteers that have come forward to distribute to their area. All remaining boxes can be collected from the Church this weekend, or before and after mass during the week.

Church Collections: With restrictions since March 2020 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 BIC BOFIIE2D IBAN Details IE62 BOFI 9038 7528 9727 25 **Thank you to all who sent in the CHY3 Cert**

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December 18TH/19TH 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent
Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 35448 info@headfordchurch.com
Website: www.headfordchurch.com Parish Radio 108fm. Facebook Page
Headford Parish Web cam: Churchtv.ie/headword, churchtv.ie/claran

Mass Intentions for Headford

Sat 18th Dec	**7.00pm**	Mary Margaret Lally, Cloughanover RIP Deirdre Joyce nee O'Shea RIP (Anniversary) Luan McCaul, Cong Rd RIP (6th Anniversary) Lucy O'Brien, Headford RIP Patrick & Margaret Kyne, Ross and all decd of family.
Sun 19th	**11.30am**	Mary Biggins, Culleen RIP (1st Anniversary) Lucia Cleary-Mulrooney RIP (Anniversary) May Corbett, Main St RIP (Anniversry) Pat & Mary Newell, Ballymana RIP Nora & Michael Kyne, Ballymana RIP Pat 8th Anniversary & Eileen Audley, Liss RIP Phylis Conroy, Oranmore RIP
Mon 20th	**10.00am**	**Christmas Triduum (1)** Confessions after Mass
Thur 23rd	**10.00am**	**Christmas Triduum (2)** Confessions after Mass.
Christmas Eve	**12 – 1pm** **9.00pm**	Confessions **Christmas Triduum (3)**
Christmas Day	**8:30am** **11.30am**	People of the Parish. Rita O'Brien, Gortnamona (2nd Anniversary), her husband Willie and Daughters Jacinta & Lucy RIP Wiktoria Kubaczyk RIP Patricia Steed and all decd of Family, The Square RIP
Sun 26th	**11.30am**	Deceased of Hannon & Reddington family RIP Private Intention

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 19th Dec	**10.00am**	Paul O'Toole, Curramore RIP (2nd Anniversary) Mathias & all deceased of Keady Family, Ower RIP Ned & Kathleen Joyce, Culleen RIP Private Intention.
Tue 21st	**9.30am**	**Christmas Triduum (1)** Confessions after Mass.
Wed 22nd	**9.30am**	**Christmas Triduum (2)** Confessions after Mass.
Christmas Eve	**7.00pm**	**Christmas Triduum (3)** Confessions before Mass
Christmas Day	**10.00am**	People of the Parish.
Sun 26th	**10:00am**	Sean Daveron, Inchiquinn RIP (3rd Anniversary) Margaret & Michael Lee, Carnakib RIP (Anniversary)

We offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives, neighbours and friends of **Padraic Halloran, England and late of Ballycolgan.** May he rest in peace.

Covid 19 Updates: For clarity following this weeks updated Covid guidance, Religious Services in Places of Worship are unchanged regarding capacity, with all other protective measures in place to ensure safety of the congregation. Likewise, there are no changes to attendance at funeral services however any post funeral service gatherings must comply with hospitality rules including no multiple table bookings. With regard to wakes in private homes general advice on household mixing is 3 other households (4 in total) applies.
Christmas Visits to the elderly and housebound will take place during the coming week. Monday in Headford (Town), Tuesday in Claran and Wednesday Headford (Rural). If anyone not on our list would like a visit please phone the office.

St. Fursey's LGFA annual **5km Resolution Run/Walk** will take place on **Sunday 2nd January 2022**. Entry is online on clubforce & more information can be found on St. Fursey's social media pages.

Senior Citizens Christmas Party: Claran ICA would like to update all senior citizens in our Parish, that due to the rise in Covid-19 cases and Government Guidelines regarding social gatherings, we are postponing the annual Senior Citizens Christmas Party. If and when restrictions are lifted, we hope to host a Senior Citizens Party again in the New Year. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our friends, neighbours and sponsors a very Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to St Vincent de Paul annual collection. Your help was greatly appreciated

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for your kindness and support during the past year. Thanks to everyone who ministered in any way: Parish Staff, Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Offertory Collectors, Altar Society, Choirs, Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Restoration Committee, CE Scheme, and to the Altar Servers who put their name forward, even though they didn't have an opportunity to take part in any masses during the year. Hopefully they will be on the Altar soon.

Christmas Greetings and Happy New Year to all the people of the parish at home and abroad. A special word of sympathy to all those who lost a loved one during the past year. Take care and God Bless from Fr. Ray.

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: **Mon to Fri 10.00am – 1.00pm**

A Simple Prayer for Christmas Dinner

Dear God, we give thanks for this time when we can all be together. We give thanks for this food which is bountiful and delicious. We give thanks for this joyful holiday when we can celebrate our Savior and his love for us. With joy we pray, Amen.





A Thankful Christmas Prayer

Lord and Giver of all good things, the magi travelled for miles to bring the Christ child the first Christmas presents. So may we, too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us, especially the gift of live itself. Amen.

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 January 2nd**

We welcome more people into our Church in the coming weeks. I appreciate your ongoing support and the commitment of so many parishioners in helping keep our parish church safe for everyone. Please use the same guidelines below until otherwise stated. ♦ Please maintain 1 metre social distance. ♦ Face masks must be worn. Please use hand sanitizer as you enter the church. ♦ Holy Communion will be distributed as before, please observe one way system which will be announced at Masses. Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand only. ♦ Mass leaflet/newsletter available at church doors. ♦ Shaking hands as "a sign of peace" or at other times is discouraged. ♦ Collection boxes at church doors for weekly/dues envelopes ♦ Please leave the Church in an orderly fashion No congregating by people before /after any service in the Church or Church grounds. ♦ Please use hand sanitizer as you leave the Church. We have moved into a new phase against Covid 19 with a strong emphasis on personal responsibility and mutual respect.

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

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.

Altar Servers: Due to the high numbers of Covid, it has been decided not to proceed with having Altar Servers at present. I'm sure this is very disappointing for all the children who have put their names forward. We will re visit the situation in the new year. Thank you.

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.

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

The Drop-In Listening Service at Knock Counselling Centre is open to anyone. If you feel the need to talk to someone in confidence, you can 'drop -in' (no appointment necessary) on Thursdays. The drop-in service begins at 11am with final sessions no later than 3pm. This is an open and accessible service to help those who find themselves in need of support. Find out more by contacting Knock Counselling Centre; T. 094 93 75032 E. counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie

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

WESTDOC: New Westdoc phone number will be **0818 360 000**. Please save the new number to your mobile phone or keep it near your landline. Please remember when phoning Westdoc to have your Eircode close to hand and your Medical Card Number if applicable

Cloughanover Community Centre; Most activities have resumed. Contact 087 2737032 for further information

Corrib Male Singers meet on **Tuesday night** at **8pm** in the **Anglers Rest Hotel**. New members are welcome.

Irish Dance Classes commence in **Headford Parish Hall** on **Monday** at **5pm.** Enquiries to 087 6724804

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

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WHO DOES WHAT AT MASS?
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PRIEST:
At Mass the priest leads us and encourages us to play our part in the celebration.

THE SACRISTAN:
This is a very important person in church. They makes sure that it is warm and welcoming, prepare the altar, lights the candles, puts out the necessary books and things needed for the Mass and makes sure that there are enough candles, wine and altar breads for Mass.

THE CLEANERS:
In most parishes there are people who look after the cleaning of the church.

ALTAR SOCIETY:
They make sure that there are flowers to decorate the altar.

SEASONAL VOLUNTEERS:
They may put up the crib at Christmas and decorate the church building for special occasions

THE SERVERS:
Servers are normally boys and girls who have received their First Communion. Their job is to help the priest during Mass. They can carry books, bring water and wine, wash the priest’s hands and ring bells.

MINISTER OF THE WORD:
Even though we sometimes call this person the reader, the proper name is ‘Minister of the Word’. The readings of Mass come from the Bible. They are the Word of God and so we can say that we hear God speaking to us through the voice of the Minister of the Word.

THE COLLECTORS/USHERS:
The people, who welcome people to the church, offer them assistance and collect our gift of money.

THE MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST:
The person who helps to give out communion at Mass. They sometimes bring communion to those who are unable to come to Mass because they are sick.

MUSIC:
Many parishes have choirs – groups of people who sing at Mass. Their singing helps the whole assembly to pray, We are all encouraged to join with the choir. Some parishes may have people who lead the assembly in singing. These are called cantors.