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 €935** last weekend and in **Claran €420 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 May: Headford: Intentions of The Fadden Family, Castleview. **Claran** Intentions of Pat & Mary Fahy, Curramore.

Ministers for May Headford:
Readers: **Sat 7pm**
Sun 11.30am Deirdre King
Ministers of the Eucharist : Sat. **7pm** Bernie Sweeney Mary Kyne Sun **11.30am** Siobhan Waldron Mary McHugh
Baskets: Sat 7pm: Declan McDonagh & Mary Fahy
Sun.11.30am: Andy Curran Siobhan Waldron
Ministers for May Claran:
Reader Sun 10am Neasa Cosgrove
Ministers of the Eucharist: Helena Hastings

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of our Parish Secretary Brigid Greaney Lee, Glassvalley, Gerry Somers (England), brother of Vera Crevan May they Rest in Peace.

First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima 9am in Headford Church on the first Saturday of the month. Rosary & Meditation followed 10am with Mass. Next Date May 7th.

Easter Dues for the support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all masses during the Easter Period. Envelopes are in your offertory box. If you don't have one special envelopes are available at the Church door

Volunteer Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Offertory Basket Collectors needed for Headford Church. We now have only 3 readers left for 7pm mass which puts a large commitment on them as they are reading at least 4 months of the year. And we have only two basket collectors left for Saturday night, which means they are on every week. Please consider giving up a little of your time.

Parish Office: Letterbox some leave envelopes in my door which I secure right away,
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**

Altar Society for Headford Church: If there is anybody who would like to help out for a month of the year in doing the flowers in the Church please contact the office on 093 35448

Parish of Killursa & Killower

30th April 1st May Third 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 30th	**7.00pm**	Madeline & Martin, Jack & Michael Collins, Galway Rd Phillis Savage 6th Anniv
Sun 1st May	**11:30am**	Paddy Joyce Anniversary Mass Deceased Members of the Lally & Kyne Families, Cloughanover, Cahernahena & Ballycolagan. People of the Parish
Mon 2nd	**10:00am**	Michael McDonagh, Banglestown Pete Burke Gortnamona Private Intention
Fri 6th	**10:00am**	Private Intention
Sat 7th	**10:00am** **11:30am** **7:00pm**	Michael Moloney Deerpark 1st Communion Headford Boys & Girls N.S. Pauline Steede 17th Anniversary & Brother Frank Reddington 7th Anniv & Deceased Members of the Steede & Reddington Families. Maureen Murphy, Neale RIP Bridget & Michael Curran, Ballycolagan Anniversary
Sun 8th	**11:30am**	Fr Pat O'Brien People of the Parish

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 1st May	**10:00am**	Bernard & May Flynn Jamsey & Katie Halloran & Paddy Halloran Joseph Halloran & Deceased Members of the Halloran Family.
Tues 3rd	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Wed 4th	**9.30am**	Mary Garvey & all deceased of the Garvey family, Carheens.
Sun 8th	**10.00am**	Fr Ken Taylor RIP

Holy Days this Week: Sunday 1st Joseph the Worker, Tuesday the 2nd St Athanasius, Tuesday 3rd St Philip and James Apostles, Wednesday 4th St Conleth.

Trōcaire: Help Families in forgotten crises. Out of the media spotlight this lent, loving families are suffering in forgotten crises from Covid to poverty and climate change. Please return your Trocaire Box to help them or give on www.trocaire.org. Money can be returned to the Church/Parish office. Thank you.

Congratulations to all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation, May the Holy Spirit be active in every aspect of their lives in the years ahead and may their confirmation affirm all of us in our own faith. To their families and teachers, congratulations and thanks for guiding them to this important milestone in their lives

Rosary at the Grottos: The Rosary will be prayed each day during the month of May at hundreds of grottos around the Island of Ireland. To see a list of locations, or to register a grotto (or other suitable location) simply visit www.coastalrosaryireland.ie You can also register by texting 087 278 6552. We are praying for Ireland and for peace in the world.

Mass Servers: **For Headford Church** we have 4 teams (Team A) Rose Heneghan, Kevin Curran (Team B) Ciara Curran, Luke O'Reilly (Team C) Roisin Walsh, Dylan McDonnell (Team D) Ciara O'Neill, Laura Reddington.
Claran Church we have 5 Teams (Team A) Robyn Murphy, Patrick O'Beirne, Mia Keville, Dylan Woulfe. (Team B) Jasmine Murphy, Hazel Murphy, Julian Gorowski, Enna Birminghan. (Team C) Paidi Halloran, Adam Reddington, Sean Egan. (Team D) Fionn Greaney, Michael Cosgrove, Ruth O'Neill, Sarah Lee. (Team E) Ava McCormack, Sive McCormack. **We will start with Team A from both sides on the week ending 7th/ 8th May.**

"Cong Abbey: Canons, Canonesses, Characters and Crosses" will be hosted by the Cong Moytura Heritage Society from Friday 19 August to Sunday 21 August and will feature talks by leading archaeologists, art historians, archivists and historians and guided visits to the abbeys of Cong and Inishmaine. The Conference Introduction will be on the night of 19 August in the village followed by a social night of traditional music and craic. **Tickets and further information are available at congabbeyconference.com.**

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock 2022. The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday, May 1st. Ceremonies commence at 2.30 with Mass at 3pm.

"A big Thank you to all who supported our recent Card Drive for Cloughanover Cemetery, our volunteers who went door to door selling tickets, those who donated spot prizes and to all who turned up to play cards".

On May 13th/14th/15th The Neale GAA club in conjunction with Mayo Mental Health will be hosting a Footgolf competition at the footgolf course in Cross, Co Mayo. Prizes include €1000 first place prize, €200 hole in 1 prize, best family prize and best underage performer prize and many more. Teams of 4 can enter at a cost of €100 and book a slot anytime over the 3 days. To book your team slot on Friday 13th, Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th call or text 087-6545553.

First Holy Communion takes place for Headford Boys & Girls N.S. on Sat 7th May at 11:30am in Headford. **Clydagh N.S** will take place in **Claran Church** at **11.30am** on **Saturday May 21st**.
Claran N.S will take place in **Claran Church** at **11.30am** on Saturday **May**

Anger Management – Online Course
Is Anger Hurting You Or Your Family? Knock Counselling Service is running a 5-evening Online Anger Management programme, starting on Tue 26 April, 6:30 - 9:30pm. Contact Peter Devers at 094 93 7503www.knockshrine.ie/counselling

Galway Centre for Independent Living have been supplying Caring/Assisting Services to older persons and persons with disabilities since 1994. Due to an increased demand for our services in Homecare and our Personal Assistance Service to People with disabilities we are now recruiting in your area. If you have QQI Healthcare award and experience we can offer €14.50 per hour. Please forward CV to vacancies@gcil.ie or contact Ann on 091-773910

Farewell Colleague we will miss you very much but as our dear friend you live further in our hearts as a fountain of friendship.



Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the recent Special Collection for Ukraine. Nationally, this collection has raised to date over €3.25 million. The war in Ukraine, and the terrible suffering which has resulted, has seen a tremendous outpouring of compassion and generosity from our parish communities. Your contributions will bring much-needed relief to those in the region whose lives and livelihoods have been devastated. The funds raised will be used by the international Catholic Church agency, Caritas Internationalis, which is currently operating on the ground in Ukraine and its surrounding areas. We continue to keep the people of Ukraine in our thoughts, praying for peace and an end to this appalling humanitarian crisis.

The Board of Management of Scoil Naomh Fursa Claran, Headford, Co Galway are seeking applicationts for a suitable Manager to run our Community Childcare Service opening in September 2022. Please see school website for further details www.clarannationalschool.ie.

Headfest are pleased to announce that this years festival will take place from 3rd to 6th June, featuring Mike Denver, All Folked Up, Johnny Brady and more, plus a host of community events. For information see Facebook: Headfest

*Older people need your support! ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their **Telephone Support & Befriending** service for older people. ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months. Visit www.alone.ie/volunteers for more information*

Thank you for all the feed back for the Synod Process it will be forwarded to the Diocesan Committee dealing with the Synod 2023

Covid Safety: In view of the high numbers of Covid 19 in the Community, Archbishop Francis is requesting parishioners to continue to wear face coverings at Mass and other Ceremonies. Thank you for your co operation

The Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland

In the light of the times we find ourselves in today, how are you?

2. What inspires you in the life of your parish community? And what discourages you in the life of the parish community?

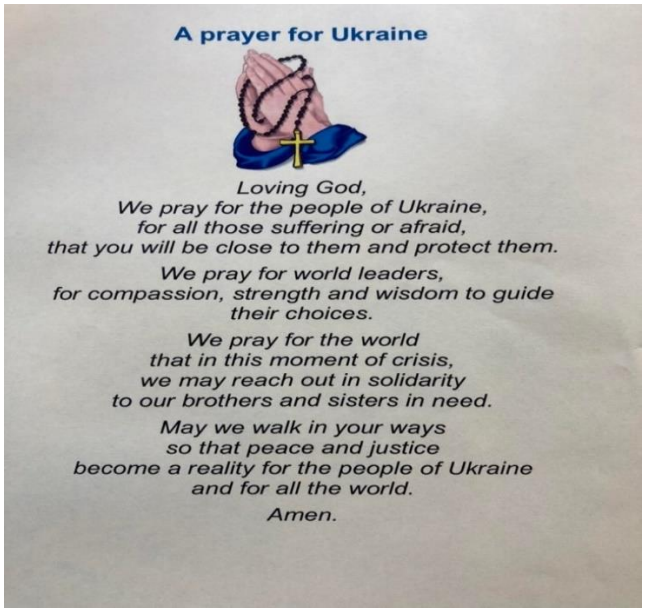
3. How can our Church be more welcoming and inclusive to all?
email:synod@tuamarchdiocese.org
Thanking you for your cooperation

THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION
THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS IS ENDED. Now we can all gather to worship God through the highest prayer, the Holy Mass.

First Holy Communion
Cloughanover N.S. in **Headford Church** on **April 30th** at **11.30am**.
Headford N.S. in **Headford Church** on **Saturday May 7th** at **11.30am**.

Claran Nation School: The Board of Management of Claran National School are in the process of setting up a Full Day Care Community based Childcare Service at Scoil Naomh Fursa, Claran. We would like to ascertain information in advance of setting up and would appreciate it if you could please complete a short survey. Details of the survey are available on www.clarannationalschool.ie We would be grateful if you could pass on this information and survey link to families in the area that perhaps do not have connections already with the school but who might be interested in the service in the future https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TMM2WVB

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.



Footsteps Preschool will hold an Enrolment Opening Day on Thursday the 24th March from 2.45 pm to 4.00pm for parents and their children enrolling for Sept 2022 . Please contact Edel /sinead on 086 0380508 or email edelfootstepspreschool@gmail.com

Tricia's Preschool Cloughanover N/S Playschool/Montessori FREE ECCE + NON ECCE Places available 9-12. Contact Tricia 087 961 6139 093 34934. Emails Patriciagorham@eircom.net

Cloughanover NS are now enrolling for **Sept 2022**. Please contact the school at 093 35315 or Email cloughanoverschool@gmail.com for enrolment forms.

Claran NS are now enrolling for **September 2022**. Please contact the school at 093 35922 or email office@clarannationalschool.ie

Headford NS are now enrolling for **September 2022**. Please contact the school at 093 35377 or email headfordgirlsns@gmail.com

Clydagh NS are now enrolling for **September 2022**. Please contact the school at 093 35868 or email clydaghnsoffice@gmail.com

Pope Francis has called the whole church to a Synodal way. The theme of the upcoming 16th Synod of Bishops is:
"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". Synodality indicates walking together and listening to one another but above all to the Holy Spirit. To deepen this essential characteristic of the Church, the upcoming synod is unlike any previous one. It starts with, and involves all the faithful at local Churches across the world, promising to listen to all, especially to laypeople. That is why this Synod is a 2-year process, up to October 2023.

What is Pope Francis asking us to do for the synod?
This synodal pathway calls us all to a deeper understanding and appreciation of our "baptismal call which is the basis of all Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit. And the door which gives access to the other sacraments, we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission".*[Catechism of the Catholic Church. 1213].*
This synodal process embarks on a journey, seeking together as priest, faithful and religious" the people of God" the way forward for the Church. This will ask of us to reflect, pray, listen and share our lived experiences with others; leading us to active participation and openness to mission within our parishes and diocese.

Prayer for the Synod

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.
Amen.

Sean Chairde Headford have returned @ 11 am in St Fursa's Hall (opposite Joyce's supermarket). We welcome new members, men and women over 55yrs. We are an older group who meet socially for light exercise, music, song and dance, guest speakers, arts and crafts and a light lunch with homemade baking. Transport available, phone Donnellan's Bus Hire @ 087-2873542 (the day before to book your seat). For further enquiries call Solas Resource Centre @ 093-36446. Sean Chairde would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to help in running the group successfully.

Cycling Club: Would you like to join a cycling club and head off on a leisurely cycle, meet here in Headford, everybody is welcome please contact Carmel O'Malley for further details on 0863767063

Footsteps Early Years and School Age Services: Footsteps Services include Preschool, Breakfast Club, Afterschool and Full Day Care. Many childcare packages available to suit children and families individual needs. Located in **Headford Girls' N.S.** For enrolment or information contact Edel or Sinead on 086 0380508

Pilgrmage to Medjugorje 2022 7 night pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Dymphna Glynn, 3rd to 10th May 2022, €695. Spiritual director Fr Ciaran Blake. Contact Marian Pilgrimages on 01 878 8159 or www.marian.ie

Footsteps Preschool Glencorrib & Knockroone: ECCE preschool (2 Free Preschool Years). National Childcare Scheme available (NCS). Many Childcare packages available to suit children and families individual needs including afterschool care (enquire for further details) For Enrolment/ information Edel or Helen on 086-1717833 Or email edelfootstepspreschool@gmail.com

Apply now for the Computer-based Business Courses starting in **Ballinrobe** early February. The courses are free and provide unemployed adults with an opportunity to return to education, update their skills, and learn new skills in a supportive learning environment. All course materials are provided, including the use of a laptop, family friendly hours, small class sizes and QQI accreditation. VTOS eligibility criteria may apply. For Further details – contact **Beatrice,** Further Education Centre, Ballinrobe. 086 0610020; email beatricebrophy@msletb.ie

Ballycushion N.S: Enrolment for the school year 2022/2023 is now open. Enrolment forms can be found on the "Enrol Now" tab on our website along with all other information For further information we can be found and contacted on: http://www.ballycushion.com/ (093) 33164 office@ballycushion.com Facebook: @ballycushionns "
Kilcoona NS are now enrolling for **September 2022.** contact the school on 091-791542 or email info@kilcoonans.ie The closing date for enrolment is 25th February.

Do you want to learn Computer Skills from home? If you are a beginner or want to refresh your skills. National Learning Network's free IT and Business Studies course enables you to learn online from home, do work experience locally, and come into the local Centre for tutor guidance just twice a week. Completing modules such as word processing, spreadsheets, bookkeeping and many others. A free laptop is provided for the duration of the course. If you would benefit from extra support and are registered with the Department of Social Protection you could be entitled to the free training. Flexible start dates, payments are protected, and people under 26 years can receive extra payments. Contact Sharon on 0872909064 or check us out at www.nin.ie



Transformation Programme: Once again, Galway Sports Partnership is launching their January "Operation Transformation" Programme. This initiative is based on the Walk on Wednesday concept, where participants are encouraged to commit to one of three distance targets. Each participant will choose their preferred area/town and distance, 60km, 100km or 140km, which are set to be achieved over the 6-week programme. The idea behind the initiative is set out to help the people of Galway start the new year off fresh, with the aim to help participants build a sustainable exercise routine. All participants will be encouraged to download the free fitness tracker, MapMyFitness, and choose which area in Galway they would like to represent in this challenge. In addition to the Walk on Wednesday, there is also a Sunday Stroll, where it is encouraged to gather in **small** groups to walk together! This challenge has been a great source for motivation between friends in the past, as there is nothing like some healthy competition to keep the motivation up! Free online taster classes of Yoga, Mindfulness, Tai Chi and more have been set up. For more information, please email galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie. This is a perfect way to get into a healthy habit together with friends and family whilst having the opportunity to meet other likeminded people. Let 2022 be the year of good, healthy habits!

School Retreats available at Knock Shrine We are delighted to announce that the Youth Ministry at Knock Shrine will resume school retreats throughout 2022. School retreats are available to both primary and secondary schools and offer students a meaningful, spiritually uplifting day to reflect within themselves and experience quality time with their fellow students. Retreat programmes are flexible and can be tailored to suit your group's needs or time limitations. If you would like to plan a school retreat, please get in touch with a member of our Youth Ministry team: T: (094) 93 75321 youthministry@knockshrine.ie or find out more at www.knockshrine.ie/news

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

We welcome more people into our Church. 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 can be worn if you like. 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 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.

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.

Special Needs Assisting QQI Level 6 Commencing in GRETB Dunmor e and Headford. Starts Tuesday 8th February (Blended). Every Tuesday and Friday morning from 10.00 to 1.00. Register on www.fetchcourses.ie Dunmore – Course Code -343456 Headford – Course Code – 346925. Contact – info.dunmore@gretb.ie

Bereavement Support: Losing a loved one is always a difficult experience. During Covid many support services were missing but from February 2nd, the weekly Bereavement Support Group will resume every Wednesday morning at 11am in the Family Centre at Knock Shrine. These meetings aim to help those who are grieving to find healing, hope and comfort. All are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9375320.

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

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

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

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**

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

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

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2022: 7 Nights Apartment B&B and return Airport transfer from Dubrovnik or Split from €315 per person sharing. Guaranteed Airport transfer price for any flight. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

WHO DOES WHAT AT MASS?

At every Mass you will notice that some members of the assembly have different jobs. We call these jobs 'ministries'. Let's look at some more of them: At every Mass you will notice that some members of the assembly have different jobs. We call these jobs 'ministries'. Let's look at some of them:

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.

Parish Statistics for 2021	Baptisms	Marriages	Deaths	First Holy Communions	Confirmation
Headford	30	6	20	24	0
Claran	9	2	11	23	0
Total for 2021	39	8	31	47	0
Total for 2020	26	4	21	30	93

Moveable Feasts in 2022/23

	2022	**2023**
Ash Wednesday	**2nd March**	**22nd February**
Good Friday	**15th April**	**7th April**
Easter Sunday	**17th April**	**9th April**
Ascension	**29th May**	**21st May**
Pentecost	**5th June**	**28th May**
Trinity	**12th June**	**4th June**
Corpus Christi	**19th June**	**11th June**
First Sunday of Advent	**27th November**	**3rd December**