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 *093 354448*

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 €745** last weekend and in **Claran €320.00 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 July: Headford: Intentions of a Private Intention & Cathy Cloherty RIP Anniversary . **Claran** Intentions of Frank & Teresa Lee, Carnakib .
Ministers for July Headford:
Readers: **Sat 7pm Pat Duddy Sun 11.30am**
Ministers of the Eucharist : Sat. **7pm** Maura Moran & Michael Hughes Sun **11.30am**
Baskets: Sat 7pm:
Sun.11.30am:
Ministers for June Claran:
Reader Sun 10am: Shane Graven
Ministers of the Eucharist: Helena Hastings & Michelle Kenny

Volunteer Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Offertory Basket Collectors needed for Headford Church. Please consider giving up a little of your time.

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives & Friends of Christopher Shelley, Dublin, Grandson of Theresa McCawley, Angela Hall, Uk, Granny of Emily Gillon Clydagh, & Gerard Lee, Uk formely of Culleen. May they rest in Peace**.**

Church Collections: List of ways people can donate Parish house 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 Claran
BIC BOFIIE2D IBAN Details IE62 BOFI 9038 7528 9727 25

Community Work Initiative The Tús programme, for those 12 months or more unemployed, is now taking-on participants for community work placements with host organisations in the locality. Completion of the scheme provides employers with evidence of work experience, a reference, and a CV. For more, phone 091 875732 or 087 9335477, or email tusadmin@grd.ie.

Fr. John Joyce will launch his book "The Changing Face of Mission" in St. Fursa's Parish Hall, Headford, on Friday 22nd July between 7pm and 9pm. Light refreshments served.

Congratulations to Teresa Lee & Tommy Joyce who recently married here in St Mary's Church Headford. We wish them every blessing.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

16th 17th July Sixteenth 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 16th	**7.00pm**	Willie Hynes, 1st Anniversary
Sun 17th	**11:00am**	Joan Hardiman Months Mind Mass Sr Margaret Moran 1st Anniversary
Mon 18th	**12:00**	Funeral Mass of Gerard Lee, Culleen RIP
Fri 22nd	**10:00am**	Private Intention.
Sat 23rd	**10:00am** **7:00pm**	Margaret Burke RIP Nora & Michael Kyne, Ballymana People of the Parish
Sun 24th	**11:30am**	Cormac Garvey & his son Sean Anniversaries

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 17th	**10:00am**	John Cahill Mervue
Tues 19th	**9:30am**	No Mass
Wed 20th	**9:30am**	No Mass
Sun 24th	**10.00am**	Private Intention

Graveyard Mass: Mass will take place in Killursa August 7th @ 6pm. Mass in Cloughanover on Tuesday 16th August @7pm.

Holy Days this week: Wed 20th St Apollinaris, Thursday 21st St Lawrence of Brindisi, Friday 22nd St Mary Magdalene, Sat 23rd St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe.

The HUB at Knock Shrine – Open July & August. Parents – Need some time for yourselves? Welcome to the HUB at Knock Shrine, open through July and August, the HUB offers a range of fun activities for children and young people visiting Knock Shrine. From the ARK kids Club for children aged 5 years and over to our drop-in centre with arts & crafts, prayer, music and much more. Don't miss our Family Day on 21st August, a day for families and children with a range of fun activities, all in the beautiful grounds of Knock Shrine. Learn more about summer fun at the HUB at www.knockshrine.ie or phone us on 094 93 75321.

Reek Sunday 2022: The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 31st at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30am - 2:00pm. Mass hourly from 8:00am -2:00pm.

Meals4Health Galway – Delivers Freshly Cooked Meals to your door. Supporting Independent living for longer in the comfort of your home.
Phone 091354000 for more information or visit www.meals4health.ie

"Great men tell you how to get where you're going: greater men take you there"

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. Also Please note that mass times can change at any time so it is advisable to watch out for the newsletter weekly.

Eucharistic Adoration: There will be a 33 hour Adoration due to be held at Knock Shrine on the 11th and 12th of August 2022. This will commence with Mass at 09:00 am Thursday 11th and closing with Benediction and Mass at 6:00 pm Friday 12th August (at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel). Each Parish has been allocated a particular hour, **Headford & Claran being 6 – 7pm on Thurs 11th**

Additional Tús Places There are currently vacancies in a variety of Tús roles in the local area. Tús is a community work placement for those 12 months or more unemployed and in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance, with participants receiving a top-up payment and other supports. If you are interested, phone 091 875732 or 087 9335477, or email tusadmin@grd.ie

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The Tuam Diocesan Pilgr image to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, will depart Knock Airport on 25th August for five nights. For enquiries and bookings, please contact Sheila Davin 086 8664633.

Celebrating National Granparents Pilgimage, World day for Grandparents and elderly our lady of Knock Shrine July 24th, anointing of the sick 2:20 Mass 3pm followed by rosary.

Chime : Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Outreach at Tuam Primary Care centre, Wednesday July 20th , 10:00-1pm. Contact Tony Dolan for more information 086 8341318

Knock Shrine Family Day, 21st August 11am – 3pm Our Family Day is a lovely opportunity for families to get together to enjoy a range of fun activities.All events and activities are free of charge and take place on the beautiful grounds of Knock Shrine, close to the award-winning Knock Museum and cafe.There will be outdoor activities taking place on the green (weather permitting) and marquees with indoor workshops, games and more. Don't miss this special day of memory making and fun for everyone to enjoy.

Coill na nÓg – Claran Community Childcare Opening August 31st 2022
Full Day Care including Preschool will be offered at Claran National School. This service will be offered to children aged 2 years and 8 months initially (from free preschool scheme (ECCE) age). We have a large outdoor area and access to a small woodland. A hot meal will be provided. For further information please contact Helen Holden Manager on 087 6903212. The application forms are also available school website www.clarannationalschool.ie

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 Blessing for New Beginnings

In out of the way places of the heart, where your thoughts never think to wander, this beginning has been quietly forming, waiting until you were ready to emerge. For a long time it has watched your desire, feeling the emptiness growing inside you, noticing how you willed yourself on, still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

Job Vacancy for Parish Secretary St. Mary's Church, Headford/Claran is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one-year fixed term and part-time basis for 20 hours per week, Monday – Friday.
Duties include: Providing an administrative service to Headford/ Claran Parish Managing the parish office with the effective use of up-to-date office systems**.** Receiving members of the public and dealing with enquiries**.** Maintaining computerised accounts for the parish**.** Recording and managing parish records**.** Responsible for the payroll function. ***Requirements:*** The successful candidate will have at least 2 years administrative experience. Robust book-keeping skills and experience is essential and a Certificate in Accounting Technicians of Ireland (IATI), is desirable. Up-to-date computer skills including Microsoft Word and Excel with some database experience. Microsoft Publisher would also be desirable. Highly developed interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively and work as part of a team. **Letters of application** with enclosed curriculum vitas should be emailed to Fr. Ray Flaherty, at rayflaherty1972@gmail.com or posted to: Private & Confidential Fr. Ray Flaherty P.P. The Parochial House, Church Road, Headford, Co .Galway. H91PXH5
The closing date for completed applications is 5pm on Friday 29th July 2022.This is originally advertised at http://headfordchurch.com.

Welcoming a return to full public worship Bishops stated, "As the remaining Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted, it is encouraging to see a return to full public worship in our parishes, and the resumption of all aspects of Church and community life. At the heart of the life of our parish communities is the Sunday Mass. When we gather for the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, we do so to express our joy in the Risen Lord and to unite with our brothers and sisters in the Church in thanksgiving and praise to God. This is a communal celebration which shapes us as a community of faith, life and charity." We pray in the Mass that it is 'indeed right and just, our duty and our salvation' to give thanks to the Lord, and the Sunday Eucharist is our greatest act of thanksgiving. During the Season of Lent, we encourage everyone to return to Sunday and weekday Mass in our churches, welcoming each other back as we gather once more together. From Easter Sunday, 17 April, this will once again be deemed an essential expression of faith for all in our Church in Ireland. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass, and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they are better. "In the coming days and weeks parishes will continue to gradually lift the restrictions and mitigations which were introduced during the pandemic. We should however remain sensitive and respectful (by way of responsible social distancing and optional wearing of masks) towards those who may still feel vulnerable or anxious. For example, it is good especially in these troubled times, to invite people at the 'Sign of Peace' to make a gesture or greeting of peace to the people around them, rather than the traditional handshake. "We remain grateful to all those who risked their lives and made sacrifices in hospitals and other settings to keep us safe during the pandemic. We appreciate the commitment of priests who continued to minister the sacraments to the best of their ability, notwithstanding the risk this posed to their own life and health. In doing so, priests gave powerful witness to the faith. We also give thanks for the many people in our parishes who worked so hard to maintain our worship and parish life in the safest way possible. We keep in our prayers all who have been impacted in any way during the pandemic, especially the bereaved. As civil commemorations are planned in Ireland for the weekend of the 18 – 20 March, with a National Day of Remembrance and Reflection on Sunday 20 March, we invite all in our parish communities to unite in spirit and in prayerful reflection."

Synodal Pathway The Synodal Report compiled from the recent consultation process in the diocese is available to view on the diocesan website: https://www.tuamarchdiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Tuam-Synodal-Pathway-Synthesis-29-May-2022-.pdf . This report has been forwarded to the Irish Bishops' Conference, who will then send a national report to the Vatican in preparation for the World Synod of Bishops in Autumn 2023

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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.**

24th – 31st July
We are delighted to announce that Jesuit Week is returning to Knock Shrine this year. Jesuit Week has been a part of the programme at Knock Shrine for the past number of years and is always a wonderful and inspiring week. There will be three sessions taking place each day at the following times:10.30am Knock Basilica 4.30pm Knock Basilica 8.30pm (Examen) in the Apparition Chapel
All are welcome to attend.



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. Please also note that children who attend mass any other days are welcome to serve you don't have to be on teams for that weekend you are always welcome.**

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

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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

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**

Cope Galway send a message of thanks from all their staff & volunteers this year in Headford they raised €488.57. Thanks to all.