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 €765.00 l**ast weekend and in **Claran €565.00 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 Sept Headford: Intentions of Sr Anne Marie. **Claran** Intentions of Julia Holleran, Carnakib & Intentions of Mattie & Noreen Woulfe.

Ministers for September Headford:
Readers: **Sat 7pm** Martina Rea **Sun 11.30am** John McHugh
Ministers of the Eucharist : Sat. **7pm** Martina Rea, Mary Margaret Kyne. Sun **11.30am** John Mchugh, Bernie Duffy
Baskets: Sat 7pm: Mary Fahy, Declan McDonagh
Sun.11.30am: Andy Curran, Redmond Newell
Ministers for September Claran:
Reader Sun 10am: Breda Joyce
Minister of the Eucharist: Marian Creavan

As A Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of Helena (Lena) Moylan, sister of Lilly Geraghty. May she rest in Peace.

Altar Candles for 2023 are available at the moment please contact the office to secure the month you would like.

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.
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St Mary's Church Claran
BIC BOFIIE2D IBAN Details IE62 BOFI 9038 7528 9727 25

Fr John Joyce's Book "The Changing Face of Mission" is Available in the Parish Office €10 each.

Headford Carers Group resume their monthly meetings on Thursday 8th Sept @ 8pm in Headford Parish Hall. New Members Welcome.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

3rd 4th September Twenty- Third 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 3rd	**7.00pm**	Frank & Helen Ryder, High St. Anniv Mass Maureen Gaviola, Florida, (Healing Mass)
Sun 4th	**11:30am**	Maura McDermott, Meadow Hill/Swinford Anniversary Mass Mick Mcawley, Kilroe 20th Anniversary People of the Parish
Mon 5th	**10:00am**	John O'Connor High St. Anniversary Mass
Fri 9th	**10:00am** **7:00pm**	Peggy Joyce RIP Mass in Cargin Cemetery
Sat 10th	**10:00am** **7:00pm**	Margaret Fahy, Lettera 1st Anniversary Frank Corbett Month's Mind Mass Michael Hynes & all the Dec. of the Hynes & Cooney Families. Frank Collins, Luimnagh, 21st Anniversary Maureen Gaviola, Florida, (Healing Mass) Jack & Mary Ann McDonagh, Cloughanover
Sun 11th	**11:30am**	Funeral of Ashes Mr & Mrs Kenny Tom & Elmire Moran & Dec. Members of the Moran family.

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 4th	**10:00am**	Michael & Mary Lee, Annaghkeen Anniv Mass People of the Parish
Tue 6th	**9:30am**	Mark Holleran RIP
Wed 7th	**9:30am**	Kitty Lee, Carnacrow
Sun 11th	**10.00am**	Fursey & Julia Flynn John & Winifred Langan RIP Ned & Kathleen Joyce RIP

Holy Days this week: St Teresa of Calcutta, Thursday 8th The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Fri 9th Clonmacnois St Ciaran, Saturday 10th St Peter Claver.

Cargin Cemetry Mass will be held on Friday 9th September @ 7pm. There will be a collection at the gate of Cargin Cemetery before Mass at 7pm on the 9th of September. All monies collected will go towards the maintenance of the Cemetery.

Lough Derg Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine The One Day Retreat on Sunday 25th September, will have the special focus of praying for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest Speaker, refugee, Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at The Ukrainian Catholic University. More information at www.loughderg.org.**Boats from 9.15am | Retreat Programme begins at 10.15am | Boats return at 4.30pm** Morning Coffee & lunch included. Booking essential. Special discounted rate of €25 for Ukrainian refugees (must be booked by telephone: +353 (0)71 9861518). Full price €45

COME & SEE – September 16th to 18th (residential) A 'Come and See' Vocations discernment residential weekend will take place in Ballyvaloo Retreat Centre, Blackwater, Wexford, from Friday 16th to 18th September this year. It is open to men 18 and over who would like to know more about the priesthood as a beautiful way of life and vocation from God.

Coffee Morning for Galway Hospice will take place in Headford Parish Hall on Sunday 18th September 10:30 -1pm.

St Mary's Church Headford Renovations Update: The latest news on the project, we have been informed that the works will now not proceed till January 2023, due to sourcing of materials required for the works. All masses etc will continue in Headford until after the Christmas. We will keep you informed.

***Presentation College Headford** warmly welcomes you to a community celebration of 80 years in education on Thursday, September 22nd @ 7 pm in the school gym, further details to follow. Please keep the date in your diary!*

Headford & Claran Parish Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots takes place from Tuesday 20th September to Wednesday 28th September at 7:00pm each evening in Headford Church. Beginning with the Novena Prayers followed by Mass.

Special Needs Assisting QQI Level 5 Fulltime course (Part time option available), Commencing in GRETB Headford in September Register on www.fetchcourses.ie – Course Code -346926 . Contact – info.dunmore@gretb.ie 093 39778

One Day Retreat to Lough Derg Saturday 3rd September 2022, for more information and bookings contact Mary McHugh on 086 2683209

Coill na nÓg- Claran Community Childcare will also open on 31st August 2022. Coill na nÓg will provide full day care for children from 2 yrs. 8 months (free ECCE scheme plus extra hours available) and afterschool care for primary school children. For information and to book with Coill na nÓg please contact Helen Holden on 0876903212"

Headford Boys National School require a Part time Cleaner 2hrs a day, Afternoon/Evening 5 days a week, please contact the school at headfordbns@gmail.com or call in next week when they reopen

Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."
Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity
Venue: St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo **Date**: October 17th to 23rd **Cost**: €470 full board **Contact**: Helen : 00353 86 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie
A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

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

GRD, GRETB and the DSP are running a series of FREE information events called "Make the Link " that will showcase education and training courses in your area along with information on financial support and benefits available. This event will be in Tuam (Ard Rí Hotel) on the 6th, Ballinasloe (Shearwater Hotel) on the 7th September from 10am -1pm. For more details please contact FREEDA on 091 844335 or GRETB freephone 1800 140 242

Communion Pyx: If anyone has communion pyx at home could they please return to Declan. Thank you

2 Tickets for sale for Marian Tours Pilgrimage to Lourdes flying from Dublin leaving on the 26th and returning on the 30th of September 2022. Tickets are €1270 including changing the names on the tickets (€115/person). If interested please contact the Parish office.

Chime : Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Outreach at Tuam Primary Care centre , Friday 19th of August , 1:45pm-4:15pm. Contact Tony Dolan for more information or an appointment 086 83413

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. Completion of the scheme provides employers with evidence of work experience, a reference, and a CV. If you are interested, phone 091 875732 or 087 9335477, or email tusadmin@grd.ie.

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.

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**

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

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."



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

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**