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

Parish Office Hours
10am to **2pm**. 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 €1125.00** last weekend and in **Claran €505. 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 & Headford Church every Friday 3-4 pm with **Divine Mercy** and **Stations of the Cross**. All are Welcome.

Altar Candle Intentions for November: Headford Remembrance of Tom Flynn, Cong Rd. RIP & Private Intentions **Claran** Remembrance of Chris & Mike Egan & their son Noel, Curramore RIP

Ministers for November Headford: Readers: **Sat 7pm** Rita O'Shea **Sun 11.30am** Aine Farrell **Ministers of the Eucharist** : Sat. **7pm** Karen Collis, Mary Fahy Sun **11.30am** Ina Curran **Baskets: Sat 7pm**: Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy, **Sun.11.30am**: Siobhan Waldron, Andy Curran, Redmond Newell
Ministers for November Claran: Reader Sun 10am: Nora Darcy
Minister of the Eucharist: Marian Creaven, Carmel O'Malley

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Seamus King, Clouhganover, Patrick Fahy, Carnakib, and to Frs. Stephen and Pat Farragher on the death of their sister Marie Pollard (nee Farragher). Muirdeach Maher, uncle of Delores Doyle, Windfort, Headford. May they Rest in Peace.

Holy Hour takes place every Friday 3-4pm in St. Mary's Church Headford, with Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross. All are welcome to join in and anyone willing to help is greatly appreciated. Holy Hour is also available on parish radio.

St Vincent de Paul Headford Branch. Please help our local conference by donating to www.svp.ie/stfursaheadford

Christmas Triduum Cards now on sale in the Parish Office €3 each or 4 for €10

Pilgrimages 2023: Fatima: May 11th 2023 7 nights ex Dublin (reduction if paid before Dec 5th) Contact John B 093 28337 or Call 01 2410800

Medjugorje & Cavtat: June 28th 7 nights (4+3), ex Dublin with transport arranged from Claremorris (reduction if paid before Dec 5th). Contact John B 093 28337 or call 01 2410800

First Anniversary Mass for **Fr Pat O'Brien** will be held on Saturday 26th of November at 12noon in Caherlistrane Church

Parish of Killursa & Killower

19th & 20th November Feast of Christ the King
Thirty Fourth Week 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 19th	**7.00pm**	Sarah Byrne, Teresa Molloy, Sorcha Rose McLoughlin, Marie Stephanie Connely, RIP Intentions of Michelle O'Donnell Sarah's Grandparents Denny & Sal Murphy, Cordarra. Willie Campbell Anniv.
Sun 20th	**11:30am**	Margaret O'Flaherty, Months Mind Cormac Garvey & his Son Seán Johnny & Rita O'Hara, Anniv. John & Margaret Burke, Gorta na Mona, Anniv
Mon 21st	**10.00am**	Paul & Nancy Larkin, Bridge St.
Fri 25th	**10.00am**	Ger Flanagan, Ballyconlaught & his parents Margaret & Joe, Main Street.
Sat 26th	**10.00am** **12:00pm** **7:00pm**	No Mass Patricia O'Rafferty Month's Mind Ger Concannon, Anniv. Paul & Sheila Mannnion, Logawania, Anniv Bridie Lee, Culleen, Anniv. Frank & Peggy Lee, Culleen, Anniv
Sun 27th	**11:30am**	Jack McDonagh, Crosswood, Anniv Thomas & Mary Nohilly, Cordara Anniv. & the decd. members of the Nohilly & Lydon Families, Cordara The decd. of the Hynes and Sweeney Families. Mick & Rita Dooley, Anniv. Michael Murphy, Rockhill, Anniv.

Mass Intentions for Claran

Sun 20th	**10.00am**	Richard & Maureen Joyce, Ballyfruit & all the decd. members of the Joyce Family Paddy & Margaret Kenny & Decd. members of the Kenny Family.
Tue 22nd	**9.30am**	No Mass
Wed 23rd	**9:30am**	Get Well Mass
Sun 27th	**10.00am**	Fr. Tom Kyne & All the decd. of the Kyne Family RIP Maura O'Connell (nee Walsh) RIP, USA & formally Millpark, Claran Michael, Nora Molloy & their son Toddy

Feast Days this week: Mon 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ven Nano Nagle, Foundress Presentation Sisters, Tues 22nd St. Cecilia, Wed 23rd St. Columban Bl Miquel Pro SJ, Thurs 24th Ss. Andrew Dong-Lac & Companions, Fri 25th St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Clement I, St.Colman, Sat 26th Cardinal Lavigerie Day, founder of the Missionaries of Africa.



Feast of Christ the King is this Sunday the final Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar (being the Sunday before the first Sunday in Advent)

Offertory Envelopes for the coming year are being prepared at present. If you are not receiving a box and would like to, please contact the parish office. When the boxes are ready to be distributed I would appreciate if someone from each village/station area would volunteer to deliver to their area as the boxes cannot be left in the churches outside of mass times. Areas divided as follows:
Carnakib, Knocklahard, Annakeen, Carnacrow, Clydagh/Logawania, Kilbeg, Carrowbeg, Claran, Owerbeg, Owermore, Ower, Cloonkeely, Rinnanock, Inchquin, Greenfileds, Slieveroe, Curramore, Carheens, Headford Town, Castleview, Galway Rd, Meadow Hill, Eallagh Est, Cordarra, Cong Rd, Culleen Corsssnaun, Farren, Ballyconlaught, Liss, Rockhill, Cloneen, Farren, Ballyconlaught, Liss, Rockhill, Cloneen, Windfort, Keernaun, Mountross, Rafee, Ross, Eallagh, Oaklands, Lettera, Crosswood, Keelcoil, Cahermanally, Clouhganover, Ballyhale.

Bank Transfer: If you would prefer to donate weekly online please see Bank details below. Please put your name/box number in the reference section and contact the office to let Sharon know you will not need a box.

Bank details are as follows:
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

Church Gate Collection: Solas Family Resource Centre will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection in Headford/Claran and Caherlistrane/Corner Chapel on the weekend of the 26th & 27th November 2022. Monies raised help provide essential services and programs in the community such as Counselling, Play Therapy, Meals on Wheels, Dementia Café and many more. Your support will be much appreciated.

Solas Family Resource Centre is organising a **FREE WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY** on 21st November 2022 in St Fursa's Hall Headford from 4pm – 8 pm. A number of services will be there on the day, including Marie Keating Foundation, Croi Heart Foundation, Solas Counselling Service, Galway Rural Development, Mental Health Ireland, Pieta House, Tuam Cancer Care, Domestic Violence Response, HSE Quit Smoking, Chime(Deaf Hear) Sexual Health West and numerous other services. Have your Blood Pressure and Diabetes Tests done for free on the day. Free HIV testing provided by Sexual Health West. Advice and Information on how best to look after our Mental Health from Mental Health Ireland, Pieta House staff and Solas Counselling staff.

Headford Bridge Club invites all Bridge players to join their club at Angler's Rest Hotel every Tuesday at 7.15 p.m. for a fun and social event. Contact Ann at 0876007624. Would you like to learn? Then contact Marlene O'Connor, a wonderful Bridge teacher at 0871335830

The National Meals on Wheels Network is holding its free conference on 25th November 2022 in the Athlone Springs Hotel, Athlone Co. Roscommon from 11am – 4pm. As well as meals on wheels providers this free event should be attended by any community and voluntary groups involved in support for their older community members. Further information contact Tracey Noone at 090 6482744 or email tracey@mealsonwheelsnetwork.ie

Senior Citizens Christmas Party: Claran ICA propose to host the Senior Citizens Christmas Party again this year in Claran Community Centre on 11th December 2022. In order to do this in a safe, post Covid environment, we need to know numbers of those interested in attending as places may need to be limited. Please contact either Ann on 087-9674744, Norah on 087-2507407 or Mary on 087-9444746 before 6th November, to book your place.

Safe Guarding and Diocesan Vetting is up for renewal for the Parish, would everybody that this would effect please take a renewal form, complete and return to office. Thank you

Recruiting Altar Servers anyone that would be interested in altar serving for the forth coming year from 3rd class up please contact your national school or the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork.

Dates for First Holy Communion:
Cloughanover N.S. –Headford – Sat. 29th April 2023 at 11.30am
Headford N.S. – St. Mary's Headford – Sat. 6th May 2023 at 11.30am
Claran N.S. - Claran – Saturday 13th May 2023at 11.30pm

Weekly Offertory Contribution: Should anyone wish to set up for a weekly/monthly direct debit, or bank transfer, instead of receiving the offertory box please contact the office and let us know, this will help us save on the cost of printing when we are ordering the boxes in the next few weeks.

Recruiting Altar Servers anyone that would be interested in alter serving for the forth coming year from 3rd class up please contact your national school or the Parish Office to complete the necessary paperwork.

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.

Baptism: With Covid restrictions lifted Baptism's will now be on a shared basis. Baptism's take place on the first Sunday and third Saturday of each month.

Knock Youth Leadership: gathers participants together for 11 Saturdays and 2 weekends over an 18-month period. Training will take place at Knock Shrine and starts on November 12th, 2022. Participants will be awarded 2 certificates on completion of the programme: **A Certificate in Youth Ministry from Queen's University, Belfast and A Certificate in Practical Youth Work/Ministry from The Open College Network, Northern Ireland.** For more information contact: 0949375321 / 0876927850 / mairead.jennings@knockshrine.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 – 2.00pm**

Headford Adult Learning Centre: Abbey House, Unit 2, Main St, Headford, Co. Galway. Classes available in the following for beginners to level 3: Computers, iPads, and Smart Phone, Music Appreciation, Book Club, Communications, Digital Media, Climate Justice, Career Preparation. English for Speakers of Other Languages. Also help with Reading Writing and Spelling. Phone 093 34746, 093 26609 or call in to the Centre.

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.

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

Meals4Health Galway Delivers Freshly Cooked Meals to your door. Supporting Independent living for longer in the comfort of your home. Special and modified dietary requirements catered for also. Phone 091354000 for more information or visit www.meals4health.ie

Chime : Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Outreach at Tuam Primary Care centre. Contact Tony Dolan for more information or an appointment 086 83413

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.

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 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.

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.

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

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

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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.

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."

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

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.

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.

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**