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.

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 35448* **First Friday will take place Easter Week.**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mon. 9.00am – 10am, Tues. 9.00 – 10am Tue 10-11am Weds 10am-11am and Thurs 6pm-7pm Claran Church

Adoration Every Friday 3-4pm with Divine Mercy and Stations of the Cross. St. Mary's Church Claran. Also available on churchtv.ie & Facebook

Offertory Collection 17th & 19th in **Headford €1025.00** last weekend and in **Claran €860.00. Thank you.**

Headford & Claran Parish is committed to the protection of all children and young people. Safeguarding Officers are PJ Newell and Maura Moran.

Altar Candle Intentions for April: Headford Private Intention **Claran** William & Ann O'Toole.

Ministers for March
Readers: **Sat 7pm Sun 10am**: Michelle Kenny **Sun 11.30am** Mary McHugh

Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm Jimmy Sweeney, Bernie Sweeney
Sun 10am: Nessa Cosgrove, May Kenny
Sun 11.30am Mary McHugh.

Baskets: Sat 7pm: Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy, **Sun11.30am**: Siobhan Waldron, Andy Curran, Redmond Newell

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives, & friends of Jacqueline Conneely, Ballyhale/Clifden. May she rest in peace.

Headford Church Renovations: Renovations are still ongoing, with a new opening date of Mid-May. All ***masses and devotions*** will continue in Claran Church. I would like to take the opportunity again to Thank you all for your help and support with the fundraising. I appreciate your understanding for the inconvenience caused.

Volunteer Readers, Ministers the Eucharist & Offertory Basket Collectors needed. We are very short on Readers for Saturday evening mass. If anyone would like to volunteer their time, please contact the parish office 093 35488

First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Claran Church 1st April. Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass.*

Feast Days this week: Mon Sat 25th The ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, Tues 27th St John of Egypt**, Wed 28th** St. Sixtus III, **Wed 29th** St Rubert, **Thurs 30th** St. John Climacus, **Fri** 31st St Benjamin**, Sat 1st** St. Irene.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

25th & 26th March Fourth Sunday of Lent
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 & Claran

Sat 25th	**7.00pm**	Gerard Steed, 24th Anniversary Lily Ann Mannion 11th Anniversary John & Nora Fahy, Curramore, Anniversary Patrick & Kate O'Connell, Ballyconlaught.
Sun 26th	**10.00am** **11.30am**	**The People of the Parish** Patrick Halloran, 7th Anniversary **The People of the Parish** Kathleen Concannon, Bridge St. 1st Anniv. Christy Hackett, & the Decd. members of the Hackett Family, Cordara Peter Nally Anniv. Delia & Mary Nally & all the decd. members of the family.
Mon 27th	**10.00am**	Sarah O'Halloran RIP
Tue 28th	**10.00am**	Kathleen Fahy, RIP
Wed 29th	**10.00am**	Thanks Giving Mass
Fri 31st	**10.00am**	Hubert Newell, Anniv.
Sat 1st April	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Frank Kenny, Navada City, California, formerly Cordarra Noreen Creaven, Anniv. Matt Murray, Ballyhale Private Intention
Sun 2nd Palm Sunday	**10.00am** **11.30am**	Michael John Gibbons RIP **Frank O'Connor, Months Mind** Kay Conway, Anniversary Michael Corbett, Main St, 4th Anniversary

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis, will take place on Sunday, 7th May 2023. Ceremonies will commence at 2.30pm with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If anyone is interested in going a mini bus can be organised. Please phone the parish office on **093 35448**.

Please note Mass times may need to be changed at short notice.

Easter Triduum Mass Cards now available in the office €2 each. Triduum Masses will all take place in Claran Church, Mon 3rd. Tues 4th & Wed 5th of April.

THANK YOU to everyone who sponsored our raffle that was in aid of Talitha Cumi Unnathi. The draw took place on Sun 19th March. The total raised was €10,700. A massive Thank You all and to the 28 Local Businesses who sponsored the prizes.

Easter Sunday Dawn Mass (9th April) will be held in Greenfields @ 6am. People travelling to Mass are asked to arrive on time. Please bring warm clothing, a folding chair or stool (for your own comfort) and where possible shared transport in order to assist with parking at the venue.

Reconciliation Service for Easter, Tues 4th April in Corner Chapel at 7.30pm organised by Headford/Claran, Shrule/Glencorrib and Caherlistrane/Kilcoona parishes.

Easter Confessions: Good Friday 7th April 2 – 2.45pm & Sat 8th 11-12pm in Claran church.

Easter Dues: in 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.

Clock's Change: The beginning of daylight-saving time will take place this weekend as clocks are set to go forward by one hour at 1am on Sunday, March 27th.

Mother's Prayers Annual Weekend 2023 Friday 24th – 26th March St Johns Rest and Care Centre, Knock. All are welcome. Free Entry.

Easter Camp: Coil Na Nóg, Claran Community Childcare. Mon 3rd – Thurs 6th April 9.30 – 2.30

25 Card Drive in Aid of Cargin Cemetery to be held in Cloughanover Community Centre, Sun 2nd April 8-10pm.

Easter card game in Glencorrib Community Centre, Wed 5th April @8.30pm. In aid of the Community Centre. Hampers for 1st, 2nd & 3rd.

Donnellan's Bus: service from Headford town to Claran Church and back each Sunday for 11.30am mass. If you would like to reserve a seat on the bus, please contact Lena 0872873542

Knock Youth Leadership Programme: Application deadline April 27th Contact Knock Youth Ministry on 0949388100/ youthministry@knockshrine.ie for details and application forms.

Headford Dementia Café: will take place on Monday the 27th of March from 11am-12:30pm in Headford Hall. The Dementia Café is free and open to all people with dementia and their families. Guest speaker Francis Kane, Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator with Galway County Council. All welcome. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided. For more information, contact: Solas FRC @093-36446

HELLO HEADFORD HOW ARE YOU?? is a simple yet effective mental health promotion campaign developed by Mental Health Ireland, that encourages people to say 'Hello' and ask 'How, Are You? **Thursday 30th March Solas Family Resource Centre** invite all to join us.

National Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock Saturday 22nd April Evening session 7-10pm Eucharist and Healing with Fr. Pat Collins CM, Sunday 23rd April 10.30 – 4.30. Local Contact Sr. Anne Maria 086 8683619.

Please Pray for Margaret Keville who died in New York, formerly of Slieveroe, Claran. Ashes to return at a later date.

Free Parenting Course for Parents of Adolescents Knock Counselling Centre will host a FREE programme for parents of adolescents who are often described as challenging, impulsive, or hard to reach. The programme will be facilitated by Gina Dermody and begins at 6.30pm on Wednesday, March 29th2023 and consists of four, two -hour, evening workshops. To register for the workshops please contact Knock Counselling Centre on 0949375032

Anger Management Course (Online) Anger Issues? Knock Counselling Centre at Knock Shrine is running a 5-evening Online Anger Management programme, starting on Tue 18th April, 7pm - 9pm. Contact Peter Devers at 094 93 75032 or log onto www.knockshrine.ie/counselling for more information.

Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey: Ballintubber Abbey celebrates the **33rd** Anniversary of the Passion Play. For the past Thirty two years those who have witnessed this moving drama have been stirred by the story as it is portrayed by the people of Ballintubber. Many have come back year after year to experience it and have brought others with them. If you have not seen it perhaps you would spare 1 hour on **Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th April at 9.00pm** to witness this drama. As it takes place outdoors we would advise you to bring suitable clothing.

Tuam Cancer Care will be holding their annual church gate collection on Sat 15th & Sun 16th April at St. Marys Church Claran. We would greatly appreciate your support.

Experienced Childminder Available in Headford for children aged 6mths -12yrs. Contact Catriona for further information on 0863761417

The earthquakes in Syria and Turkey on Monday 5th February have had a devastating impact on millions of people in both countries. Trócaire is responding to this crisis through the Caritas Internationalis Network. We have a longstanding relationship with Caritas Syria, whom we have supported in their humanitarian work throughout the war in Syria. We have the capability to ensure that any funds raised in Ireland and channelled through Trócaire to the Caritas Internationalis response in Syria and Turkey will be managed appropriately to meet the needs of those most badly affected. We are available to be a conduit for any funds raised by parishes and Dioceses in response to the earthquakes, therefore. We remain very grateful also to all Dioceses and parishes for their support for our Lenten Appeal, which enables us to support people in crisis in many different countries globally.

Would you like to become involved in the parish: We are always looking for people to read at mass, please call into the sacristy after mass or during parish office opening hours or email info@headfordchurch.com. **Parish Volunteers are always welcome**. We are also very grateful and would like to thank those faithful people who are helping us out at present.

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

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, from Ireland West (Knock) Airport, 5 nights, Friday Sept 1st to Wednesday, Sept 6th, 2023. For details and booking, please contact 01-2410800.

Meals4Health - Galway – Delivers Fresh Delicious Affordable Meals to your door suited to the specific dietary requirements of the older person. Supporting Independent living in the comfort of your home Phone 091354000 for more information or visit www.meals4health.ie

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.

Offertory Envelopes: All remaining boxes have been delivered.
If you did not receive a box and would like to, please contact the parish office 093 35448 or email info@headfordchurch.ie

Bank Transfer: There are a number of transactions that have no name or box number in the subject line. If this is you, could you please contact the office so that we can allocate it to your name and box number.

For those who would like 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 Collections: Anyone looking to organise a church gate collection must organise a permit with An Garda Síochána and notify the parish office in advance.

Headford Further Education and Training Centre, Unit 2, Abbey House, Main Street, Headford, Ph: 093 34746. **Free classes**: Reading, Writing, Numeracy, Communication, Computers, iPads, Digital Media, ESOL English.

Appointment of a New Deacon: I am delighted to announce that Archbishop Francis has appointed Deacon Cathal Galligan to assist as a permanent Deacon in the following parishes: Headford, Corrandulla, Caherlistrane, Cummer, Tuam and Killererin. He will be a great assistance to us here in the Parish. He will be joining us in the New Year, and I am sure we will all give him a warm welcome.

Western Alzheimer's: Can you spare a couple of hours per week? A little time goes along way. Become a Befriender to those living with Dementia. Full Training Provided Contact Caroline on 087-3694477 or 0949364900 Email: Volunteer@westernalzheimers.ie.

World Youth Day 2023. World Youth Day is a Catholic international event, attended by Pope Francis, and held every three years. It will take place next August 1-6, 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal. The Archdiocese of Tuam will participate in this exciting pilgrimage and is inviting young adults (18-35) to join with us for a week of prayer, faith, and friendship. If you are interested or would like more information, please email: tuam2lisbon23@gmail.com or chat to your local priest.

Moveable Feasts in 2023/24

	2023	2024
Ash Wednesday	22nd February	14th Feb
Good Friday	7th April	29th March
Easter Sunday	9th April	31st March
Ascension	21st May	12th May
Pentecost	28th May	19th May
Trinity	4th June	26th May
Corpus Christi	11th June	2nd June
First Sunday of Advent	3rd December	1st December

Tús Community Work Initiative 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.

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.

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

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.

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 able 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.

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: Are 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 being 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.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: *9-10am Claran Church*
First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Claran Church 1st April. Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass*

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 are 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.

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.

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.

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.

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."