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**, please phone the office if you would like to be included in the list 35448.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mon. 9 am – 11am & 7-8pm Tues 7-8pm St. Mary's Church Headford
Tue 10-11am
Weds 10am-11am and Thurs 6pm-7pm St. Marys Church Claran

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

Offertory Collection: in **Headford €945** last weekend and in **Claran €395. 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 July:
Headford Private Intention **Claran** Mary & Patie Walsh RIP.

Ministers for July Headford
Readers: **Sat 7pm** Fintan O'Malley **Sun 11.30am** Sharon Joyce

Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Declan McDonagh, Michael Hughes **Sun 11.30am** Carmel O'Malley

Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Andy Curran, Redmond Newell.

Minsters for July Claran
Readers: Sun 10am: Josie O'Malley
Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am: Helena Hastings, Michelle Kenny

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: *Friday 4th August 9-10am Headford Church*

First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Headford Church 5th August. Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass.*

Headford No Name Club: supports 15 - 18-year-olds to meet safely free from any pressures to use alcohol and other drugs. By building self-confidence and self-esteem through club activities, we enable young people to grow and develop at their own pace. If you are 18+ and interested in volunteering, youth work, child development among other areas, contact us for an informal chat. Please reach out and get in touch with Ethan - 087 217 2490 or ejordan@nonameclub.ie

***This Years* Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots will take place on Sept 20th – 28th :** If you would like to volunteer as a Eucharistic Minister, reader, usher or in the shop, please call into the sacristy after mass or call the parish office on 093 35448 or email info@headfordchurch.com.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

***22nd & 23rd 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 St. Mary's Church, Headford

Sat 22nd	**7.00pm**	Julia Connell Months Mind Frank McDonagh, Ballyhale & all the members of the McDonagh family.
Sun 23rd	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish Brian Greene RIP
Mon 24th Feast Day of St. Charbel	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Healing Mass Mattie Scales RIP, Headford & his parents Kathleen & Bob Scales, his Aunt Mae & Pattie Monahan Healing Mass
Fri 28th	**10.00am**	Nora & Michael Kyne, Ballymeana, Anniv.
Sat 29th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Michael Costello Months Mind Frank & Margaret Keville, Moyne & New York RIP
Sun 30th	**11.30am**	Paul Kelly RIP Patrick Henaghan & decd. Members of the Henaghan & Neilan Family.

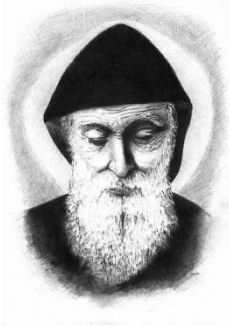
Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 23rd	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Tess Staunton RIP
Tues 25th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Weds 26th	**9.30am**	Martin & Rose D'Arcy Anniv.
Sun 30th	**10.00am**	Julia & Fursey Flynn, Anniv. Johnny Keady Anniv & the decd. of the Keady Family Owerbeg Michael Toher Anniv. & the decd. family Owerbeg.

Feast Days: Sun 23rd St. Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe, Prayer for Grandparents & Elderly **Mon 24th** St. Charbel Makhluf, **Tues 25th** St. James, Apostle, **Weds 26th** Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of BVM, **Thurs 27th** St. Theobald of Marley, **Fri 28th** Ss Nazarius and Celsius, **Sat 29th** Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus.

Feast Day of St. Charbel: to celebrate the feast day of St. Charbel, a Healing Mass will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm in St. Marys Church Headford H91C9W8 on Monday the 24th of July. Followed by a Blessing with the first class relic of St. Charbel.

Trócaire: sincere Thanks to the people of Headford and Claran for your generous contribution of **€2900** to the Trócaire Lenten Collection of 2023.



St. Charbel Feast Day
Monday 24th July

Saint Charbel, crowned with glory, pray for me. O Lord, who listened to the prayer of Saint Charbel and granted him the grace of being united with you, have mercy on me in my time of distress and save me from the evils which I cannot bear. To you be glory, praise, and thanksgiving, forever. Amen.

Altar Candles for 2024 *are now available to be booked in the office. Please call 093 35448 or call into the office.*

Office Opening Hours for the Summer: Please note the Parish Office will have reduced opening hours during the month of August.
Open Thurs & Fri 3rd & 4th August 10-2pm,
Thurs & Fri 11th August 10-2pm,
Mon 14 - Fri 18th August 10-2pm, (**Closed** 21st – 25th)
Weds – Fri 30th, 31st & 1st Sept 10 – 2pm.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, Friday, Sept 1st to Wednesday, Sept 6th., 5 nights, ex Knock-Ireland West Airport. Contact 012410800 for details and booking.

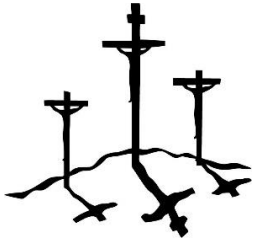
Jesuit Week at Knock Shrine: 23rd – 30th July: Theme: 'Nourishment for a Hungry Heart'. You are invited to participate in all events this week, or to drop in for any session. The Week can serve as a Retreat for those who wish. It is not necessary to book, all are welcome. Sessions will take place in the Taize Room in the Prayer Centre unless otherwise stated.

COPE Galway would like to thank all those who contributed to the recent Church Gate collection in aid of COPE Galway. Together you generously donated €636.82, which is a fantastic amount. Your donations to COPE Galway help support our homeless, domestic abuse and older people's services in Galway. COPE Galway would also like to thank the volunteers for their time and efforts with the collection, we really appreciate it.

The annual August pilgrimage to Máméan will take place this year on Sunday, 6 August. Turas na Croise at 3.00 p.m. followed by Mass.

Annual Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Cargin Cemetery, will be celebrated on Friday 11th August at 7.30pm
Killursa Cemetery, will be celebrated on Sunday 13th August at 6.00pm
Cloughanover Cemetery, will be celebrated on Sunday 27th August at 6.00pm



Year of Vocations REEK SUNDAY – JULY 30th, 2023
The annual pilgrimage takes place on the weekend of July 29th to 31st this year. There is a very strong focus on Pilgrimage during this Jubilee Year and it is a tremendous privilege for us to have this National Pilgrimage taking place in our own Diocese. It is a wonderful opportunity to participate in a Year of Mercy Pilgrimage.
Garland Friday July 28th – Local Pilgrimage 10:00am. Mass on the summit of Croagh Patrick celebrated by Westport native Fr. Tod Nolan. 7:00pm. Mass at Murrisk Community Café – Croagh Patrick Car Park.
Reek Saturday July 29th 6:30pm Mass for the opening of the Pilgrimage celebrated by Most. Rev. Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Archbishop Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam.
Reek Sunday July 31st 7:30am. – 2:00pm. Confessions on the summit. 8:00am. First hourly Mass on the summit. 8:30am. Tóchar Phádraig pilgrimage begins at Ballintubber Abbey. 10:00am. Aifreann Lán Gaeilge ar barr Cruach Phádraig . 11:00am Mass celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin.

VAKS PROGRAMME: Applications are now open for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine) programme. It is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5th and 6th year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. For Info contact: 094 9375321 or youthministry@knockshrine.ie

HopeSpace - a free support service for children and young people in Galway city and county who have been bereaved has opened recently. You can contact HopeSpace by phone at 091 342566, by email support@hopespace.ie or through the website at www.hopespace.ie. HopeSpace is only the second such service in Ireland (there is already a children's grief centre in Limerick). Please pass the word on and contact HopeSpace if you have any questions or need help.

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 anyone 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.

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:
A/c Name: Headford Church: BIC BOFIIE2D IBAN Details IE27 BOFI 9038 7528 9740 34
A/c Name: Claran Church: 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.

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. For more, phone 091 875732 or 087 9335477, or email tusadmin@grd.ie.

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.

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.

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 the office 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**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**

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.

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.