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 €875** last weekend and in **Claran €415. 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 August: Headford Mary & Vincent Joyce, Clydagh **Claran** Maureen Hynes & Bernie & Jimmy Sweeney.

Ministers for August Headford Readers: **Sat 7pm** Fintan O'Malley **Sun 11.30am** Deirdre King, Ina Curran

Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Declan McDonagh, Michael Hughes **Sun 11.30am** Mary McDonagh

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

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends & relatives of **Msgr. Micheál Thornton**, formerly of Windfort/Cloughanover & the Diocese of Biloxi, USA. Funeral arrangements to be announced at a later date and **Joan Mc Morrow (née Timlin)** Dromahair, Leitrim / Headford. May they rest in peace.

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.*

***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.

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

Parish of Killursa & Killower

***29th & 30th July* Seventeenth 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 29th	**7.00pm**	Frank & Margaret Keville, Moyne & New York RIP
Sun 30th	**11.30am**	Paul Kelly RIP Patrick Henaghan & decd. members of the Henaghan & Neilan Family. Kieran O'Connell Myrehill, 20th Anniversary
Mon 31st	**10.00am**	Mary Joyce RIP
Fri 4th	**10.00am**	Christopher Scally, Cora Nolan (nee Scally) Geraldine Scally & John Joe Connell RIP
Sat 5th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Nora Gleeson RIP Frank Corbett, 1st Anniversary Seán Murphy 5th Anniv & the decd. members of the Murphy Family Martin Gerard Ward 5th Anniv. & decd. members of the Ward family. Alan Moran 8th Anniv. & Thomas & Mary Ellen Kavanagh, Anniv. Maureen Healy, Birthday Remembrance.
Sun 6th	**11.30am**	Maureen Monaghan, Anniv
Mon 7th	**10.00am**	Mary Sweeney Months Mind

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

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.
Tues 1st of August	**9.30am**	John Walsh, Carnacrow, 1st Anniversary
Weds 2nd	**9.30am**	Fr. Michael Goaley RIP
Sun 6th	**10.00am**	Eileen Greaney Anniversary

Feast Days: Sat 29th Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus, **Mon 31st** St. Ignatius Loyola, **Tues 1st** August St. Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, **Wed 2nd** St Eusebius of Vercelli, St. Peter Julian Eymard, **Thurs 3rd** St. Germanus of Auxerre, **Fri 4th** St. John Mary Vianney, **Sat 5th** Dedication of the Basillica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

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.

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 10th & 11th August 10-2pm,
Mon 14 - Fri 18th August 10-2pm, (**Closed** 21st – 25th)
Weds – Fri 30th, 31st & 1st Sept 10 – 2pm.

Reorganising of Altar Society for Headford Church: *if you would like to become involved or if you are currently a member of the Altar Society, please contact the parish office as are we are reorganising the rota and seeking new members at this time.*

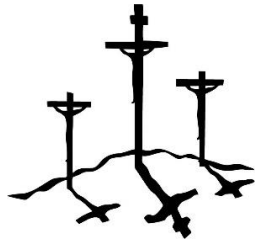
National Novena to Our Lady of Knock from 14th – 22nd August, offers you the opportunity to step away from everyday life and immerse yourself in prayer in the beautiful, peaceful grounds of Knock Shrine. Over the course of the nine-day Novena, we will hear from guest speakers each day who will offer insights on a variety of topics, from personal faith stories, to how we are responding to a changing world. You are invited to take this time to reflect, and explore within yourself, on how to embrace the challenges we face in our faith. The theme for this year is 'Caring for Creation' See the full programme at www.knockshrine.ie.

Congratulations: To our parishioners Bernie and Jimmy Sweeney, Ballyhale, who were invested as a Dame and Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem (a papal lay order) by Cardinal Seán Brady in Maynooth College on the 22nd of July 2023.This is a great personal honour and recognition for them by a lay order of the church. This Order is to serve the Catholic Church and to promote initiatives to preserve the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Further information on this Papal lay order can be found on https://holysepulchre.ie.

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.

Annual Graveyard/Cemetery Masses

Cargin Cemetery, will be celebrated on Friday 18th 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.
Garland Friday July 28th – Local Pilgrimage
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.