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 €960** last weekend and in **Claran €290. 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** Rita O'Shea
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 August Claran
Readers: Sun 10am: Nora D'Arcy

Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am: May Kenny & Mary Fahy.

We as a Parish Community offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends & relatives of Lena (Steed) O'Connor, formerly of Headford. May She rest in peace.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: *Friday 1st Sept. 9-10am Headford Church*

First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Headford Church 2nd September. 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 the parish office on 093 35448 or email info@headfordchurch.com.

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. If anyone would like to donate fresh flowers from their garden it would be very much appreciated.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

***26th & 27th August* Twenty-first 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 26th	**7.00pm**	Jack, Nora, Joe, Patsy and the decd. members of the Gibsey Family. Joe McDonagh, Ballyhale, Anniv Judith Ann O'Donnell 7th Anniv & her daughter Maureen Bridget O'Donnell RIP
Sun 27th	**11.30am**	Decd. members of the Brennan & Hughes Family, Deerpark Paddy Joe Connell, Ballyfruit, 2nd Anniversary
Mon 28th	**10.00am**	Mark & Agnes O'Shaughnessy, Galway Rd & Gerard Concannon RIP
Fri 1st Sept	**10.00am**	Catherine (Kitty) Concannon, Gortbrack & Boston USA
Sat 2nd	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Margaret Fahy, Lettera 2nd Anniversary Nora & Thomas Wynne, Anniv. Decd. members of the Creaven & O'Malley & Fallen Families
Sun 3rd	**11.30am**	Cormac & Sean Garvey, Anniv

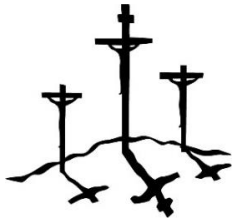
Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 27th	**10.00am**	Kitty Lee, Carnacrow, 2nd Anniv James Lee, Carnakib, RIP Michael & Thomas Newell, Annaghkeen Anniv
Tues 29th	**9.30am**	Mary Sweeney RIP
Weds 30th	**9.30am**	Sr. Philomena RIP
Sun 3rd	**10.00am**	Michael & Mary Lee, Annaghkeen, Anniv. Fr. Thornton RIP

Feast Days: Mon 28th St. Agustine, **Tues 29th *The Passion of St. John the Baptist*, Wed 30th** St. Fiacre, **Thurs 31st** St. Aidan, **Fri 1st** St. Giles, **Sat 2nd** St. William of Roskilde.

Office Opening Hours for the Summer: Please note the Parish Office will have reduced opening hours during the month of August.
Closed Mon 21st – 29th August
Re-opening for the rest of the week on Weds 30th of August 10 – 2pm

Annual Graveyard/Cemetery Masses
Cloughanover Cemetery, will be celebrated on Sunday 27th August at 6.00pm





A Prayer on the Passion of St. John the Baptist

O God, You raised up St John the Baptist
to prepare a perfect person for Christ.
We call upon St John's intercession to properly
prepare us with a true sense of repentance to
receive Your grace and salvation.
Make us faithful to truth and justice, as You did
Your servant, John the Baptist, herald of
Your Son's birth and death.
Lord, may You increase Your life within us.
Amen.

Galway Memorial Walk: Walk in memory in aid of the Galway Hospice. Sunday 10th Sept, Claddagh Hall at 12noon. Register online https://galwayhospice.ie/events/memorial-walk/ or call 091 770868.

One Day Retreat to Lough Derg: Saturday the 2nd of September 2023. For more information Contact Mary McHugh on 086 2683209.

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.

CANA TALKS – FRIDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2023, T.F. ROYAL THEATRE, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO / 8 PM. 8 energetic speakers – each has just 15 minutes to inspire you – this is the Christian version of TED Talks – presenting on different topics relating to human happiness - from a faith perspective. Tickets €20 - available @ www.ticketmaster.ie or call the T.F. Box Office at (094) 902 3111. Visit www.canatalks.com or our Cana Talks Facebook page. Come along for an entertaining & inspirational evening for the mind, heart, & soul!

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

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.

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

Western Alzheimers have a new fundraising challenge to mark World Alzheimers month in September, called "Walk 4 Dementia". They are looking for 100 people to each raise €100 by walking 4km each of the 4 weeks of September. You choose your own location and route. Any individuals, clubs, groups, organisations, or societies who wish to take part are most welcome. Sign up on www.westernalzheimer.ie under events or phone 094 93 64900 for sponsorship cards. All support is greatly appreciated.

Tús Work Initiative The Tús programme, for those 12 months or more unemployed, is taking-on participants for community work placements within the locality. Completion of the scheme provides participants with training, evidence of work experience, a reference, and a CV. For more, phone 091 875732 or 087 9335477, or email tusadmin@grd.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

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.