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. 9.15 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 €785** last weekend and in **Claran €470. 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 September: Headford Tommie & Mary Creaven **Claran** Intentions of Bridie Reddington.

Ministers for September Headford Readers: **Sat 7pm** Pat Duddy **Sun 11.30am** Sharon Joyce

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

Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** James Moran

Minsters for September Claran Readers: Sun 10am: Breda Joyce **Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am:** Helena Hastings & Martina Lee

We as a Parish Community offer our sincere sympathy to the family, friends & relatives of Josephine Duffy, Main Street. May she rest in peace.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: *Friday 6th of Oct. 9-10am Headford Church*

First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Headford Church 7th of Oct. Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass.*



Prayer to Saint Matthew

O Glorious St. Matthew
through the grace of God
Our Father,
you gave us the Holy Gospel,
which brings us joy and life.
Inspired by your example,
I ask for your assistance
in all my needs.
Help me to follow Christ
and remain faithful to His service.
Amen.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

***16th & 17th September* Twenty-fourth 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 16th	**7.00pm**	Sarah O'Connor, Ower Bridge, Months Mind Charles & Julia O'Connor, Anniversary Helen and Frank Ryder, Anniversary Paddy Waldron, Clydagh, 9th Anniv
Sun 17th	**11.30am**	Nicholas Roche, RIP
Mon 18th	**10.00am**	Irene Carr, Truskeywest, RIP
Wed 20th	**7.00pm**	Novena to Our Lady Uniter of Knots (1)
Thurs 21st	**7.00pm**	Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (2)
Fri 22nd	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Phylis Monaghan, RIP Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (3)
Sat 23rd	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Mary Sweeney, Ballyhale, RIP Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (4) Tom Moran, Elmire Moran & Family.
Sun 24th	**11.30am** **7.00pm**	Get Well Mass Patricia Corbett, Main St. Anniv. Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots (5)

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 17th	**10.00am**	Mattie Reddington, Eaglewood, RIP
Tues 19th	**9.30am**	Stephen O'Sullivan RIP
Weds 20th	**9.30am**	Maureen Healy RIP
Sun 24th	**10.00am** **1.00pm**	Michael & Alice Carroll, Loggawannia, 20th & 5th Anniv. Patie Walsh, Knocklahard, Anniv. Funeral of Ashes – Margaret (Peggy) Casey, London(Slieveroe)

Feast Days: Mon 18th St. Joseph of Cupertino, **Tue 19th** St. Januarius, St. Theodore of Canterbury, **Wed 20th** St. Andrew Kim Teagon & Companions, **Thurs 21st St. Matthew Apostle**, **Fri 22nd** St. Maurice, **Sat 23rd** St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), St Eunan.
Headford and District Association will hold its AGM on Wednesday, September 27th at 8.30pm in the Anglers Rest Hotel. Please come along.

Cope Galway will have their annual church gate collection on the 23rd and 24th of Sept. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Altar Candles for 2024 there are still some Altar Candles available, these can be booked in the office. Please call 093 *35448 or call into the office.*

Speaker for Our Lady Untier of Knots Novena September 20-28th

Wednesday 20th	Fr Ray Flaherty
Thursday 21st	Fr. Frances Mitchell
Friday 22nd	Archbishop Francis Duffy
Saturday 23rd	Patricia Friel
Sunday 24th	Fr. Jerald David
Monday 25th	Sr. Áine Barnes
Tuesday 26th	Fr. Charlie McDonnell
Wednesday 27th	Cenaclo Community
Thursday 28th	Fr. Ger McCarthy

First Holy Communion: There will be an enrolment evening for parents of First Holy Communion children on Tuesday the 19th of Sept at 7pm in Headford Church. If your child was Baptised outside of the parish, please bring their Baptismal Cert. If you cannot attend, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

The Mothers Prayers meetings have resumed. Our next meeting is on Monday the 18th of September from 11-12pm in Headford Church**.** All are welcome.

Headford Dementia Café: Headford's Dementia Café will take place on Monday the 25th Sept 11am-12:30pm in Headford Hall. The Dementia Café is free and open to all people with dementia and their families. For more information, contact: Solas FRC @093-36446.

The Priests Autumn collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. This is one of our four collections each year. There is a special envelope in your box. It can be handed in at any time. There are also extra envelopes at the back of the church. Thank you.

Safeguarding Training: will take place on Sept 30th in Athenry. Should any church volunteers wish to take part, please contact the parish office on 093 35448 before the 22nd Sept.

Prayer for Vocations:
Jesus the Good Shepard, you call each one by name. Lord of the harvest we beg you to send labourers into your harvest that are awaiting Holy Priests and Consecrated religious. In this year dedicated to Vocations may young men and women respond generously to your call. Amen

Foyer of Charity Silent Retreat: October 16th to 22nd **Theme**: "If you but knew the gift of God..." **Preached by**: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity **Venue**: St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo. **Cost**: €495 full board **Contact**: Helen: 00353 86 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com, www.foyerofcharity.ie

An Evening of Songs of Faith, Hope and Love in Knock Basilica - Friday, 1st Dec, 8pm Featuring Dana, John McNicholl, Margo, Philomena Begley and Marc Roberts with Una Nolan & Schola Cantorum Basilica Choir. A fundraising concert for Victim Assistance Charity. Tickets from Ticketmaster.ie Tickets also available from head office - Mary McNicholas, Victim Assistance Head Office, Aiden St., Kiltimagh, Co. Mayo 094 9000 251/ 086 3938871. Email: support@victimassistance.ie

Galway Center for Independent Living – GCIL CE Community Employment Scheme. Urgently looking for Admin and Minibus Drivers Must be eligible for Community Employment Scheme gov.ie - Community Employment Programme (www.gov.ie) Accredited training will be provided. Hours per week = 19.5, Candidates must have either a full B or D Driving licence for Driver positions. Garda Vetting will be required for these positions. Apply with CV to Supervisor@gcilce.ie

Anger Management Course Is Anger Hurting You Or Your Family? Knock Counselling Service is running a 5 evening Online Anger Management programme, starting on Tue 26th Sept, 7pm - 9pm. Contact Peter Devers at 094 93 75032 or log onto www.knockshrine.ie/counselling

Family Support Drop in Clinic: Solas Family Resource Centre in conjunction with Tusla and Foroige are offering a Family Support Community Drop-In Clinic on the first Wednesday of every month. Contact John on 093-36446 or Eamonn on 086-1713384 for more information.

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.

Knock Youth Leadership Programme aims to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to volunteer/work within their Parish to provide a fun and safe space for young people to gather and explore their faith. Participants will receive two certificates on completion of the programme - A certificate in Youth Ministry (accredited by Queens University), and a certificate in Youth work/Youth Ministry Skills (accredited by The Open College, NI). This programme is free of charge and starting on September 30th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Knock Youth Ministry on youthministry@knockshrine.ie or call 09493753231

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, will be
very much appreciated.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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**

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.