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 €1155** last weekend and in **Claran €370. 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 October Headford Readers: **Sat 7pm** Fintan O'Malley **Sun 11.30am** Sioban Waldron.

Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Jimmy & Bernie Sweeney **Sun 11.30am** Siobhan Waldron

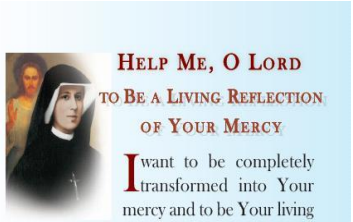
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** James Moran, Margaret Moran

Minsters for October Claran Readers: Sun 10am: Helen O'Neill **Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am:** Mary Gilon, Neasa Cosgrove

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

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

Written suggestions are welcome from the Parishioners of Claran, concerning the proposed future renovation works in Claran Church in 2024. Please submit by Oct 1st. info@headfordchurch.com



Parish of Killursa & Killower

***30th Sept & 1st October* Twenty-sixth 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 30th	**7.00pm**	Alister Pattison, Castleview, 1st Anniversary Margaret Corbett, 2nd Anniv, Peter Corbett & the Decd. members of the Corbett Family Vincent Fadden, Castleview, 5th Anniv. & the Decd. members of the Fadden & Colins Families
Sun 1st Oct	**11.30am**	**'Do this in Memory' Mass** Mamie McDonagh, Crosswood Anniv. Mary Ann McDonagh & John McDonagh Lena Lattimroe (nee Golden), Kilmaine, RIP
Mon 2nd	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Special Intention Mary & Paddy Kyne, RIP
Fri 6th	**10.00am**	Mattie Scales, RIP, his parents Kathleen & Bob Scales, his aunt Mae & Pattie Monahan
Sat 7th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Special Intention Pat Kenny, Moyne Bridge & Cordara & the decd. of the Kenny Family Kieran Gleeson, Anniversary Mary Thornton, Crosswood, 7th Anniversay Teresa Sweeney, 3rd Anniversary
Sun8th	**11.30am**	James Monaghan 6th Anniv James Concannon Anniv,& birthday Rem. For his son Aiden. Joan McMorrow (Timlin) RIP – Burial of Ashes to follow in Donaghpatrick Cometary

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 1st Oct	**10.00am**	**'Do this in Memory' Mass** Michael Harrington 11th Anniv & Decd. Members of the Family. Tom, Julia & Philip Reddington, RIP
Tues 3rd	**9.30am**	Mary Sweeney RIP
Weds 4th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Sun 8th	**10.00am**	Mary McGagh, Claran / Shrule, RIP

Feast Days: Mon 2nd The Holy Guardian Angels, **Tues 3rd** Bl Columba Marmion, St. Thomas of Cantalupe, **Wed 4th** St Francis of Assisi, **Thurs 5th** St. Faustina Kowalska, **Fri 6th** St Bruno, **Sat 7th** Our Lady of the Rosary

First Friday Visits will take place on Tues 3rd Oct from 11-3 in Claran, Weds 4th Oct 12-4pm Headford Rural area & Fri 6th Oct 11-3pm.

I lit a Candle for you cards Now Available - €1 per card, available in Headford and Claran church's or in the Parish Office.

Novena: Thank you to all who attended our Annual Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots. With your generosity the parish was able to donate €500 to Mary's Meals and €500 to The Cenacolo Community.

Altar Servers: we are now recruiting Altar Servers for the coming year. Forms be emailed to the schools next week or alternatively contact the Sacristan after mass or the parish office.

Light a candle online: for those who are watching online, you can now light a candle on Churchtv.ie/Headford, anytime of the day or night.

Autumn Classes at Emmaus Scripture School: PSALMS - Wednesdays, 6pm-7:30pm, starting 11th Oct. THE DIVINE CONSPIRACY - Thursdays, 11am-12:30pm, starting 12th Oct. Both courses are 7-week long. Please email us at scriptureschool@antobarnua.com for more info and registration.

The Survivor's Celebration Palace Grounds, Tuam, Sunday 8th October at 2pm. This walk is open to the general public too, so come along, learn more about the organisation and help raise funds by walking in hope and solidarity with those going through cancer treatment, living with cancer or in memory of someone special who you have lost. To participate please register by midnight, Thursday 5th October 2023. Registration for this event is FREE, but we do ask that you support it by donating or raising sponsorship. Sponsorship cards are also available and can be requested on the registration form.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN CONFERENCE 2023 is live on radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Saturday the 7th of October. Speakers include Fr. Seán Maguire, Fr. Colum Power, Catherine McGowan & Fr. Freddy warner. Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01) 4373277.

What do we know about Jesus?'* Adult Faith Formation Course with Fr Eugene Duffy** at St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine, 8pm – 9.30pm. ***Starts Tuesday 3rd October and running for 8 weeks. The series will provide a basic foundation for those who want to deepen their own faith and be in a position to share it with others. It would be an ideal foundational course for those engaged in parish ministries, diocesan or parish pastoral councils. See www.knockshrine.ie for further details and to view other upcoming Faith Renewal events.

Blessing of Pets at Knock Shrine On Saturday 7th October, the Family Centre are holding their annual Blessing of Pets ceremony at 11am outside the Family Centre/ The HUB in the grounds of Knock Shrine. Or email a photo to familycentre@knockshrine.ie and they will be included in the blessing!

The Diocese of Elphin wishes to recruit a *Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry*. The role is to foster existing initiatives in youth and young adult ministry, and to work towards building the relationships which will lead to fresh initiatives in centres of population throughout the Diocese of Elphin. Closing date is Monday 16th October 2023 at 5pm. For more information go to www.elphindiocese.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

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

Social Dance classes in Shrule Hall. Tuesday evenings 8.30pm-10pm. Jive / Waltz / Quickstep with experienced instructors. Call to book 089 984 1752

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.

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.

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.