Mass Times may need to be changed at short notice.

Confessions: By appointment.

Parish Office Hours 10am to **2pm** Monday – Friday.

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 €1085** last weekend and in **Claran €460. 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 October: Headford Sr. Annemaria & Hardiman Family Cloughanover **Claran** Private Intention.

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 3rd of Nov. 9-10am Headford Church. Followed by Mass.*

First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Headford Church 4th of Nov. Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass.*

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Tess Ganon, Cross, Co. Mayo, Fr. Thomas Earner, Florida & Knocklahard and Ellen Lee, Clydagh. May they rest in peace.

Rosary every evening from 7pm in Headford Church during the month of October. All are welcome.

Chruchtv.ie: Just scan the below QR Code to view masses live, pay your weekly/monthly contribution, or light a candle.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

***21th & 22nd October* Twenty-nineth 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 21st	**7.00pm**	Tommy Kyne Anniv. & the decd. of the Kyne family Ross Abbey Pat Conneally, Cullen RIP Marty Lee, Farran, Anniversary
Sun 22nd	**11.30am**	Margaret O'Flaherty, Galway Road, 1st Anniv. Tom & Philomena McDonagh, RIP Private Intention
Mon 23rd	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 27th	**10.00am**	Nora Gleeson
Sat 28th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Special Intention Thomas & Mary Nohilly, Cordarra & decd. members of the Nohilly Family. Seán Geoghegan, Birthday Rem Delia Rabbitte, Anniv, Ellen & Tomy Fahy & decd. of the Family Special Intention
Sun 29th	**11.30am**	Martin & Annie Hardiman Anniv Laurance Martin, Gort na Mona Anniv. Patrick Lally, Cloughanover Anniv. Sean O'Connor, Kilroe, Anniv. Maura Collins & Rita Donovan, Ballyconlaught, Anniv.

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 21st	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Tues 23rd	**9.30am**	Birthday Mass
Weds 24th	**9.30am**	Fr. Micheál Thornton RIP
Sun 29th	**10.00am**	Matt Gibbons RIP

Feast Days: Sun 22nd Mission Sunday, Mon 23rd St. John of Capistrano, **Tues 24th** St. Anthony Mary Claret, **Wed 25th** The Six Welsh Martyrs and Companions, **Thurs 26th** Ss Chad and Cedd, **Fri 27th** St Otteran, **Sat 28th Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles**.

The death has taken place of Tess Gannon (née Flynn) Drimelly, Cross Mayo. Sister of Tom Flyn, Cong Road & Aunt to Teresa Joyce Ballyhale. May she rest in peace.

The death has taken place in Florida of Fr. Thomas Earner formerly of Knocklahard. Funeral Mass for Fr. Thomas will take place in Florida next Wednesday 25th October. The family will have a memorial mass in Claran Church at a later date. May he rest in peace.



November: Month of the Holy Souls: Special Envelops are now available at the church door for names of deceased relatives and friend's which you would have included in our Nine Day Novena of Masses which will begin on November 2nd in both churches. We especially remember all who have died from our parish in the past year and are listed in our parish register: *Seamus King, Cloughanover, 12/11/2022. Patrick Fahey Carnakib,13/11/2022. Sarah O'Halloran, Cloughanover, 12/12/2022. Fr. Martin Newell, Claran, 04/01/2023. Mary Joyce, The Square, 07/01/2023. Breedge Waldron, Cloughanover, 18/01/2023. Maureen Healy, Roscam/Ower, 25/01/2023. Kathleen Fahy, Cloonkeely, 04/02/2023. Mary McDonagh, Moyne Hill,10/02/2023. Nora Gleeson, Bridge Street,11/02/2023. Frank O'Connor, St. Mary's Road, 23/02/2023. Fursey Walsh, Bridge Street, 26/03/2023. Kathleen Murray, Ballyhale,15/04/2023. Ulrich Feldmann, Keekill 15/04/2023. Barbara Mulry, Crosswood, 24/04/2023. Michael Walsh, Knocklahard, 04/05/2023. Phyllis Monaghan, Galway Road 31/05/2023. Julia Connell, Kilbeg, 13/06/2023. Mary Sweeney, Ballyhale, 10/07/2023. Fr. Micheál Thornton, Cloughanover, 26/07/2023. Rita Keane Roche, Lettera, 30/07/2023. Kathleen Sexton, Lettera, 10/08/2023. Michael Costello, Sandymount, 06/06/2023. Lena O'Connor, Cong Road, 12/08/2023. Sarah O'Connor, 16/08/2023, Joan McCormack, Meadow Hill, 05/09/2023.*
Josephine Duffy, High Street, 14/09/2023. Margaret Casey, Slieveroe, 23/08/2023. Michael Sexton, Lettera, 30/09/2023. Joan McMorrow, 26/07/2023 Eileen Reid, London 21/10/2017. Katherine Canavan, Boston, 25/07/2023. May they all rest in peace. ***Blessed Candles with their name will be lit on the Altar during the month of November. At the end of the month a family member may take home the candle.***

Mission Sunday: This year Mission Sunday falls on October 22nd. All offerings and donations made for World Mission Sunday become part of the Holy Father's Universal Solidarity Fund. This fund is a lifeline for struggling missionaries and the communities they serve across Africa, Asia and Latin America, where over 1,100 mission dioceses are found. As these dioceses form and grow, so do their needs. On top of this, mission dioceses are often in remote areas devastated by war and natural disasters, or where suppressed communities are just opening up to the life-saving message of Jesus Christ. This is why World Mission Sunday is so important. It offers young dioceses the financial and spiritual assistance they need to help their men, women, and children to survive and thrive. **Your support of this collection will be greatly appreciated.**

Information and support for birth mothers whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at www.birthinfo.ie or by calling +353 818 445 500

Free talk ***Strategies for Supporting Grieving Children*** *for parents, teachers and all who support children and young people who have lost someone they love in SCCUL Enterprise Centre, Ballybane, Galway, H91 RW08 on Wednesday 25 October at 7.30pm. Full details at https://bit.ly/3FekTBl. The talk is free but must be booked in advance by email at info@hopespace.ie/tel: 091 342566.*

Cloughanover Community Centre: The weekly game of 25 is back every Tuesday night in Cloughanover Community centre at 8.30pm.

50/50 DRAW: fundraiser for Kilcoona NS, monthly tickets only €5! Win 50% of the prize pot and the other 50% goes to the school, WIN/WIN! Winner of Oct draw: €260 to Nora Duddy, Ballyconlought, Headford. Next draw Friday Nov 10th. Get your tickets at lottoraiser.ie/KilcoonaNS.

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.

Knockroon NS Fundraising Card Drive Cloughanover Community Centre are kindly hosting a **fundraising card drive in aid of Knockroon NS** on **Sunday 22nd October** from 7-9 p.m. Tickets are €5 each and are available from the school (contact 0868450533) or on the door. Please support – if you are unavailable to attend, you can put your name on the back of your ticket to be included in a draw for a hamper. Raffle tickets for sale also on the night.

Headford Girls School Fundraising: Bake Sale The school will hold a cake sale & coffee afternoon on Thursday 26th Oct from 12-2.30pm in the school hall. All are welcome to attend. **Cash4Clobber** If you are doing a clear out over the next few weeks Headford Girls School would be very grateful if you could bag any unwanted clothes, shoes, bedding covers (NOT pillows/duvets) etc and drop off to the school hall on Monday 6th November from 8.45am.

Altar Servers: we are now recruiting Altar Servers for the coming year. Anyone from 3rd to 6th Class that may be interested in joining the Altar Servers Team, could a parent/guardian please contact the parish office so the appropriate safeguarding forms can be filled out, alternatively forms can be collected from the Sacristan after mass on Sunday.

Sunny Days Breakfast club / After-school service Glencorrib are delighted to announce that under the Rural Social scheme (RSS) or TUS Community employment scheme have the following position available for immediate start. Childcare assistant required 19 1/2 hours per week. Fetec qualification in childcare not required. Onsite training and Garda vetting provided. To qualify applicant must be in receipt of a social welfare or farm assist payment. For further information please contact 087 2986590 or glencorribcommunityservices@gmail.com

Many Thanks to all who have sent in donations of Postage Stamps. These donations are forwarded on to Sr. Maria in the Mission Centre Dublin and help support the Missions in East Timor, Cuba and Indonesia.

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

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.

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.

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.

Galway Centre 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

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

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**

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

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.

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.

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.