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 €1305** last weekend and in **Claran €560. 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 November: Headford Teresa & Paddy Joyce, Ballyhale, Paddy & Phil Ryder. **Claran** Carmel O'Toole & Family, Claran, Massie O'G & Family

Ministers for December Headford Readers: **Sat 7pm** Pat Duddy **Sun 11.30am** John McHugh

Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Geraldine Hannon **Sun 11.30am** John McHugh

Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Redmond Newell, Bridget Hynes.

Minsters for December Claran Readers: Sun 10am: Helena Hastings **Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am:** May Kenny, Tom D'Arcy

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: *Friday 1st of Dec. 9-10am Headford Church. Followed by Mass.*

First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Headford Church 2nd of Dec. Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass.*

Christmas Craft Fair Sunday 10th Dec at 12pm in Campbells Tavern. People interested in holding a stall please contact 087 1508277.

Christmas Triduum Cards on sale in the parish office €3 each or 4 for €10, the Triduum of Masses will be held on Dec 18th, 19th & 20th.

Christmas Candles are now available in the parish office, €5 per candle or 5 candles for €20.



Parish of Killursa & Killower

25th & 26th November 2023 **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**
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 25th	**7.00pm**	Gerard Concannon, Anniversary John & Mary Dooley, Cloughanover, Anniv. Noel Pender, Cloughanover, Anniv. Michael McDonagh Ballyconlought / St. Louis Anniversary & the decd. of the McDonagh family, Eliza Donnellan, 3rd Anniversary
Sun 26th	**11.30am**	Jack McDonagh, Crosswood, Anniversary Michael Murphy, Rockhill, 8th Anniversary Bridie & George Lathan & their Son Alan RIP
Mon 27th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 1st	**10.00am**	Kathleen Murray RIP
Sat 2nd Dec	**10.00am** **12.00pm** **7.00pm**	Ger Flanagan, Ballyconlought and his Parents Margaret & Joe, Main Street. **Ray Joyce, Months Mind** Mary Margaret Lally, Cloughanover, RIP Damien Walsh, 7th Anniv. & all the decd. of the Walsh family. Frank & Peggy Lee, Culleen, Anniv. Bridie Lee, Culleen, Anniv.
Sun 3rd	**11.30am**	Padraic Halloran, Ballycolgan, Anniv. Thanks Giving Mass

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 26th	**10.00am**	Martha Glynn RIP Edward Keary, Anniv. Special Intention
Tues 28th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Weds 29th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Sun 3rd	**10.00am**	Thomas & Rita Creaven & decd. of the family Clydagh Helen (Nellie) O'Toole and Bernadette Devlin Special Intention

Feast Days: Sun 26th Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Mon 27th St. Fergal, **Mon 28th** St. Catherine Laboure, **Tues 28th** St. Catherine Laboure, **Weds 29th** Brendan of Birr, **Thurs 30th** St. Andrew, Apostle, **Fri 1st** St. Eligius, **Sat 2nd** St. Chromatius.

Solas Family Resource Centre will hold their Annual Church Gate Collection in Headford/Claran and Caherlistrane/Corner Chaple this weekend the 25th & 26th November 2023. The money will help provide essential services and programmes in the community such as Counselling, Play Therapy, Meals on Wheels, Dementia Café and many more. Your support will be much appreciated.

Footsteps Preschool Ltd. Headford, Knockroon & Glencorrib: Please book your child's place asap as places are extremely limited for the coming school year 2024.Contact Edel on 0876906462.

Fundraiser in aid of Corrib Rugby Club Development Fund: Scrap Metal Collection on Saturday November 25th from 9.30 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Corrib Rugby Pitch, Headford. All scrap metal welcome. Strictly no electrical goods or paint cans. If anyone has an old car or other large items to dispose of call 087 411 6696 or 087 226 7984.

Christmas Spectacular at Knock Basilica on Friday December 1st, 2023. An evening of songs of faith, hope and love, featuring John McNicholl, Donna Taggart, Philomena Begley, Margo and Marc Roberts, with Una Nolan and Schola Cantorum Basilicae. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.ie . Tickets €30 plus handling fee. This is a fundraising event for the Federation For Victim Assistance. 094 9000251.

i4Life a health specialist non-profit organisation based in Headford Co. Galway are holding their annual Christmas concert in The Town Hall Theatre Galway on Sunday 3rd of Dec at 7.30. Bel Canto, Aidan Tierney, The Galway Baytones, and many more. All funds raised support i4Lifes projects. Tickets are €20 and available from tht.ie

Totus Tuus Magazine is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

Headford/Claran Senior Citizens Christmas Party: will be held this year in Claran Community Centre on Sunday 3rd Dec at12.30pm. All Senior Citizens of the Parish are invited, especially senior citizens who are new to the Parish. We would be obliged if those hoping to attend could contact (093)35623 or (087)9674744 on or before 27th Nov, as we are providing a Christmas Dinner and need to know numbers attending. Thank you.

Presentation College Headford Music Department are delighted to announce that their Christmas carol service, 'Carols by Candlelight' returns to St. Mary's Church, Headford on Thursday December 21st at 7pm. This carol service will feature the Presentation College Choir & Orchestra and Headford Church Choir. All are very welcome.

Cloughanover Community Centre AGM: takes place in Cloughanover Community Centre on Wed. the 29th of Nov. at 8pm. All are Welcome.

Cloughanover Cemetery Fundraiser: Card Game will be held in the Cloughanover Community Centre Sunday 26th November 2023 at 7pm to 9pm. This annual fundraiser helps with the upkeep of the cemetery.

Malta Pilgrimage 2024: 'In the Footsteps of St Paul' Pilgrimage to Malta; from Tuam Archdiocese; 7 nights; June, 26th to July, 3rd; ex Dublin; with a Spiritual Director. Contact 01 2410800 for details and bookings.

Archdiocese of Tuam, Pilgrimage to Fatima: with Spiritual Director; May 9th to 16th 2024; 7 nights; ex Dublin; discount for early bookings. Contact 012410800.

Offertory Envelopes 2024: If you are not receiving a box and would like to please contact the parish office. For those who would like to donate weekly/monthly, please see Bank details below. Please put your name or box number in the reference section and contact the office to let Sharon know that you will not need a new box of envelopes for 2024.
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 **You can also contribute online by going to Churchtv.ie/Headford and the same for Claran Church.**

Cuan Mhuire's Annual Christmas Craft Fair is on Sunday 26th November 2023 in the Sr Consilio Centre in Coolarne, Turloughmore. We will have stands with lots of unique Christmas gifts and freshly baked Christmas Cakes, Puddings and Mince pies and many more. Cuan Mhuire's Craft Shop is now open Saturday's and Sunday's from 11am to 4pm until Christmas Eve.

TALK: Exploring Christmas traditions Join Salvador Ryan, for a festive journey exploring the origins of Christmas traditions. Saturday, 2 Dec. at 3pm, at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar. We are so familiar with elements of the Christmas story, and the traditions which developed from it, that we can almost take them for granted. But where did these traditions come from? Some are very ancient while others are relatively recent. Find out more at this interactive event. Admission is free but booking is required. Telephone the bookings office on (094) 90 31751 or email educationtph@museum.ie.

Women's Wellbeing Workshops with Nutritionist Joanne Gallagher in Cloughanover Hall starting this month. For more info: 0879841265 or wellbeingjg@gmail.com

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

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.

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.

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.

Family Support Dropin 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.

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.

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

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.

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**

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.