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 €1020** last weekend and in **Claran €500. 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 The Newell Family **Claran** Julia O'Halloran

Ministers for November Headford Readers: **Sat 7pm** Mags Walsh **Sun 11.30am** Mary McHugh

Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Eamon Walsh **Sun 11.30am** Bernie Duffy & Mary McHugh

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

Minsters for November Claran Readers: Sun 10am: Nora Darcy **Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am:** Marian Creaven, Mary Fahy

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.*

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of John O'Halloran, Kilcoona, Mrs. Claire Mitchell, mother of Fr. Francis Mitchell, Diocesan Secretary and Ray Joyce, Adare/Logawannia. May they rest in peace.

25 Card Drive Fundraising will be held in Claran Community Hall on Sunday, 12th November 2023, commencing at 7pm, in aid of Claran/Headford Senior Citizens Christmas Party and Claran ICA. Tickets €5.00. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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

***4th & 5th November 2023* Thirty-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 4th	**7.00pm**	Mary & Jim Bane, Anniversary Ray Moylan, Liss, 4th Anniv Monica McDonnell, Anniv Thomas, Breeda & Mary Audley, Liss, Anniv
Sun 5th	**11.30am**	Sarah Hardiman, Lisheenagheeha & husband Thomas & decd. of the Hardiman Family Mai O'Brien, Culleen, Anniv. Private Intention Brian O'Reilly, Deerpark, Anniv.
Mon 6th	**10.00am**	Novena Mass (4)
Thurs 9th	**10.00am**	Novena Mass (7)
Fri 10th	**10.00am**	Novena Mass (8)
Sat 11th	**8.45am** **7.00pm**	Novena Mass (9) John Moran, 6th Anniversary Michael & Sarah Collins, Anniversary Patrick & Julia McDonagh, Deerpark, Anniv. Claire Carey, Lettera, Anniv. Muirdeach Maher, 1st Anniv. Claregalway/Cloughanover
Sun 12th	**11.30am**	Seamus King, Anniversary Tom Monaghan, Galway Road, Anniv.

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 5th	**10.00am**	Kathleen Murray RIP
Tues 7th	**9.30am**	Novena (5)
Weds 8th	**9.30am**	Novena (6)
Sun 12th	**10.00am**	Noreen & Thomas Paul Creaven,RIP John & Nora Keady RIP & the decd. of the Keady Family, Owerbeg, Neil Devine, Tyrells Pass, RIP Patrick Fahey, 1st Anniv. & decd. of the Fahey Family.

Feast Days: Mon 6th All Saints of Ireland, St.Illtud, **Tues 7th** St. Willibrord, **Wed 8th** All Saints of Wales, **Thurs 9th** The dedication of the Lateran Basilica, **Fri 10th** St. Leo the Great, **Sat 11th** St. Martin of Tours.

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

Headford Menopause Café: will be held in Solas Resource Centre, Main Street, Headford November 13th 7.30-8.30pm. Keeping it very informal and relaxed, a place to meet once a month.



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, 12/11/22. Patrick Fahey Carnakib,13/11/22. Sarah O'Halloran, Cloughanover, 12/12/22. Fr. Martin Newell, Claran, 04/01/23. Mary Joyce, The Square, 07/01/23. Breedge Waldron, Cloughanover, 18/01/23. Maureen Healy, Roscam/Ower, 25/01/23. Kathleen Fahy, Cloonkeely, 04/02/23. Mary McDonagh, Moyne Hill,10/02/23. Nora Gleeson, Bridge Street,11/02/23. Frank O'Connor, St. Mary's Road, 23/02/23. Fursey Walsh, Bridge Street, 26/03/23. Kathleen Murray, Ballyhale,15/04/23. Ulrich Feldmann, Keekill 15/04/23. Barbara Mulry, Crosswood, 24/04/23. Michael Walsh, Knocklahard, 04/05/23. Phyllis Monaghan, Galway Road 31/05/23. Julia Connell, Kilbeg, 13/06/23. Mary Sweeney, Ballyhale, 10/07/23. Fr. Micheál Thornton, Cloughanover, 26/07/23. Rita Keane Roche, Lettera, 30/07/23. Kathleen Sexton, Lettera, 10/08/23. Michael Costello, Sandymount, 06/06/23. Lena O'Connor, Cong Road, 12/08/23. Sarah O'Connor, 16/08/23, Joan McCormack, Meadow Hill, 05/09/23. Josephine Duffy, High Street, 14/09/23. Margaret Casey, Slieveroe, 23/08/23. Michael Sexton, Lettera, 30/09/23. Joan McMorrow, 26/07/23 Eileen Reid, London 21/10/17. Katherine Canavan, Boston, 25/07/23, Ellen Lee, Clydagh 18/10/23, Rev. Fr. Thomas Earner, Knocklahard/USA 18/10/23. 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.***

Headford Girls School Fundraising: 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.

Headford and District Association: Table Quiz Fundraiser for Christmas lights. Takes place in The Anglers Rest Hotel, Friday 17th November at 8pm. Entry Fee €40 per team. Tickets can be bought from hadassociation2003@gmail.com or www.eventbrite.ie/hada.

Open Your Eyes to the Danger of Gambling: A Gambling Information Evening will take place in the Angler's Rest Hotel, Headford on Tuesday 14th November 2023 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. For more information, contact Solas Family Resource Centre at 093-36446

St Fursa's Historical Society's November talk. Sixty years ago, on June 29th 1963 **John Fitzgerald Kennedy** visited Galway and on November 22nd 1963, 147 days after his visit to Ireland he was assassinated in Dallas Texas. To commemorate his Galway visit, **Brendan McGowan** (Galway Museum) will give a talk on JFK's visit to Galway on Friday night next **November 10th at 8pm i**n the Anglers Rest Hotel. the talk will include photographs and a short video of the visit. Places are limited so please come early to avoid disappointment. Donations accepted at the door to cover costs.

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.**

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.

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.

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.

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**

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.

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.