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 €880** last weekend and in **Claran €380. 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

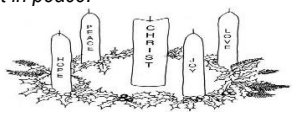
Ministers for December Headford
Readers: **Sat 7pm** Pat Duddy
Sun 11.30am John McHugh

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

As a Parish Community *we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives & friends of Lily Geraghty, High St. Headford, Mary Finnerty (née Walsh), Renmore & formerly of Ballycolgan, Headford & Michael Ronayne, Irishtown, brother of Fr. James Ronayne & brother-in-law of Fr. Michael Gormally. May they rest in peace.*



First Week of Advent: serves as a call to repentance.
Second Week of Advent: reminds us that living an upright life alone is not enough. We must submit ourselves to in humility to the will of God.
Third Week of Advent: reminds us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent. A beautiful Advent Tradition: **Bambinelli Sunday, Blessing the Christ Child** takes place on the Third Sunday of Avent. Please bring your baby Jesus to the church to be blessed.
The Fourth Week of Advent: our final days of preparation before Christmas, we ask Christ to forgive us our sins and through his grace to create anew when He comes. This week is also a time to reflect on our Advent journey.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

2nd & 3rd December 2023 First Sunday of Advent
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 2nd Dec	**7.00pm**	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. Thanksgiving Mass
Mon 4th	**10.00am**	James & Anna Fitzgibbon, High St. RIP
Fri 8st	**11.30am**	Pat & Mary Newell RIP Nora & Michael Kyne, Ballymana, Anniv
Sat 9th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Joe, Mary & May Kyne, Culleen, Anniversary Gabriel Joyce, 18th Anniv. & his wife Nelly RIP Sarah O'Halloran, Cloughanover, 1st Anniv. Jim & Mary McDonagh, Anniv. James Hynes, Matt & Bridget McDonagh, Crosswood RIP
Sun 10th	**11.30am**	Joe Concannon, Deerpark, 2nd Anniv & the decd. of the Morrin & Concannon Families Harry & Margaret Murphy & their son Joesph, Anniv. Mary & Michael O'Connor & the decd. of the O'Connor family. Pat & Eileen Audley, Liss, Anniversary.

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 3rd	**10.00am**	Thomas & Rita Creaven & decd. of the Creaven family Clydagh Helen (Nellie) O'Toole and Bernadette Devlin Special Intention
Tues 5th	**9.30am**	Thomas Murphy, Kilbeg, RIP
Wed 6th	**9.30am**	Kitty Lee, Carnacrow, RIP
Fri 8th	**10.00am**	Fr. Tom Kyne & all the decd. of the Kyne Family Chris & Michael Egan, RIP and their son Noel Egan & Tom Flynn RIP
Sun 10th	**10.00am**	Mathias Keady & decd. members of the family. John Lydon, Slieveroe, Anniversary

Feast Days: Mon 4th St. John of Damascene, **Tues 5th** St. Crispina, **Weds 6th** St. Nicholas, St. Fachtna, **Thurs 7th** St. Ambrose, **Fri 8th THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, It is a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be held in both Churches. Sat 9th** St. Juan Diego, St. Peter Fourier.

Christmas Triduum Cards on sale in the parish office €3 each or 5 for €10. **Christmas Candles** also available at €5 per candle or 5 candles for €20.

Pastoral Council Meeting: will take place on Monday the 11th of December at 7.30pm in the Parochial House.

Confirmation Information Evening for the parents of All Confirmation candidates will take place in Headford Church on Tues 5th December at 7pm.

Headford Altar Society: Our membership team is getting smaller. We would like to invite anyone in our parish who would like to answer this call, and to join us in this Spiritual Tradition. A meeting of the Altar Society will take place in Headford Church on Monday 4th December at 8pm.

Blessed Candles from the Month of November for the recently deceased can now be collected from the Sacristy after mass.

Headford Badminton Club is coming back to PCH Gym. Monday nights. New and returning player's welcome. Further information from Ezra 087 3355828 or Helen 086 2441006

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

A Light To Enlighten The World' The **All Night Vigil** for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception takes place in Knock Basilica on Thurs, Dec. 7th. Confessions will be available from 10pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation. The Vigil will commence at Midnight and the programme will include Prayer & Reflection, Holy Hour and Rosary and will conclude with celebration of Mass at 4am on Friday, December 8th.

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.

i4Life are holding their annual Christmas concert in The Town Hall Theatre Galway on Sunday 3rd of Dec at 7.30. All funds raised support i4Lifes projects. Tickets are €20 and available from tht.ie.

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.

Headford Ladies Sing-On Choir performs on Sunday Dec 3rd at Kylemore Abbey, 11.30am and 1.00pm. Under the direction of Mairead Berrill the choir will sing a selection of popular and seasonal pieces. All are Welcome.

Christmas Fair at Kilcoona N.S. Sunday 10th Dec, 12 to 4pm. Bake sale, crafts, books, Tombola, balloon modelling, face painting and lots more! A fun day for all the family! All are welcome.

Christmas party tea dance, SMA Father's Hall Claregalway on 17th December music by Mike and Neasa dancing 2pm to 5pm admission €10 spot prizes, any inquiries contact Galway Hospice on 091770868

ALL ROADS LEAD TO GLENAMADDY on Sunday 3rd December at 7pm. St. Patrick's Church, Glenamaddy will host our Christmas concert. To book your tickets please call the Parish Office on 094 9659962. Tickets €15. All Proceeds will go towards the church repairs. All are Welcome.

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.

ALL ROADS LEAD TO GLENAMADDY on Sunday 3rd December at 7pm. St. Patrick's Church, Glenamaddy will host our Christmas concert featuring Roscommon Solstice Choir, Johnny Carroll, the man with the Golden Trumpet with Glenamaddy Junior and Senior Choirs. Doors open at 6.30pm. Please bring a cushion. Raffle also on the night. Please book your tickets through Glenamaddy Parish Office on (094) 9659962, Glenamaddy Church Facebook page or Eventbrite. Tickets only €15. All proceeds will go towards a debt incurred for the repair of our church barges. You will not be disappointed. See you there.

Tuam Cancer Care are holding their annual Christmas Mass, "A Christmas Celebration of Light, Hope & Healing" on December 14th, at 8pm, in St Jarlaths College Tuam. Followed by refreshments. All are welcome.

Free Medical Checks: Free Medical Checks on Thursday 7th December 2023 from 12.30pm to 2.30pm in Solas Family Resource Centre, Headford. This event is an opportunity for you to check your blood pressure and ensure its within healthy limits, keep an eye on your heart rate for any irregularities, check your respiratory rate and identify potential respiratory issues, measure your body temperature to catch infections or fevers.

Headford Dementia Café will hold a Christmas party on Monday the 11th December 2023, 11-12:30 in Headford Parish Hall. This will be a social event with no guest speaker. We will have local musicians performing, tea/coffee, mince pies and Christmas carols. All welcome.

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.

Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme in Tuma commences on Wednesday 17th of January (OR The next online programme will commence on 30th January 2024. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com

ART WORKSHOP: 'SEEING IS BELIEVING: REFLECTING ON ART AS A GLIMPSE OF THE SACRED.' With Dr. Nora Donnelly in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Saturday 9th & 16th December at 10.30am. These illustrated talks will focus on the depiction of Mary and the Nativity by world renowned artists, including Michelangelo, Leonardo Da Vinci and Carravaggio. Advance booking is required. See www.knockshrine.ie for more information.

A LIGHT TO ENLIGHTEN THE WORLD': ALL-NIGHT VIGIL TAKES PLACE AT KNOCK BASILICA ON THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER. Confessions from 10pm until Midnight on the night of Thursday 7th December. The Vigil commences at Midnight and will include Rosary, Reflection and Holy Hour, concluding with Mass at 4am on Friday, December 8th. See www.knockshrine.ie for full programme.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: *Friday 5th of January 2024. 9-10am Headford Church. Followed by Mass.*

First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Headford Church 6th of January 2024. Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass.*

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.