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** last weekend and in **Claran . 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 January: Headford Private Intention **Claran** Intentions of the D'Arcy Family.

Ministers for January Headford Readers: **Sat 7pm** Fintan O'Malley **Sun 11.30am** Deirdre King

Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Mary Margaret Kyne **Sun 11.30am** Ina Curran

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

Minsters for December Claran Readers: Sun 10am: Breda Joyce **Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am:** Mary Fahy, Helena Hastings.



Christmas Dues: which go towards the priests of the parish will be collected at all masses on Christmas Eve/Day. There are spare envelopes at the back of the church for those who do not have an offertory box. Please find bank details for those who would like to contribute online.
Thank you for your continued support.
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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*

Parish of Killursa & Killower



31st December 2023 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
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**	Shirley & Harry Brennan, RIP John Monaghan, Salthill, Anniversary
Sun 31st	**11.30am**	May Corbett, Main St. 9th Anniversary Micheál Forde, Keernaun, Anniversary
Mon 1st	**10.00am**	Josephine Duffy RIP (Mass Card)
Fri 5th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 6th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Lena & Jim Lattimore, RIP Tom Hardiman, RIP Peter Meneghan, 5th Anniversary, Luimnagh The decd. of the Halvey Family. Eddie Murphy, Rockhill, Anniv Jack and Pierce Langan, remembrance
Sun 7th	**11.30am**	Mary Joyce 1st Anniversary Baby Ellen Marie Egan, Cordarra, 7th Anniversary Special Intention Micael & Bridie Hannon, Crosswood, Anniversary Mary & Edward Morasco, Anniversary

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 31st	**10.00am**	Margaret & Michael Lee, Carnakib, Anniversary Jack Lombard Anniversary The decd. members of the Joyce & Holleran Families.
Tues 2nd	**9.30am**	No Mass
Wed 3rd	**9.30am**	No Mass
Fri 5th	**7.00pm**	**The Epiphany of the Lord Vigil Mass** Raymond Joyce RIP (Mass Card)
Sun 7st	**10.00am**	Fr. Martin Newell, 1st Anniversary Margaret & Peter Woulfe, Cloonkeely, Anniversary

Feast Days: Sun 31st The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Mon 1st Mary the Holy Mother of God, Tues 2nd Ss Basil the great & Gregory Nazianzen, **Weds 3rd The Most Holy Name of Jesus,** St. Munchin, **Thurs 4th** St Elizabeth Ann Seton, **Fri 5th** St. John Neumann, **Sat 6th The EPHINAY OF THE LORD**

Pope France' Prayer Intentions for 2024
2024 THE YEAR OF PRAYER

JANUARY: FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH
Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

FEBRUARY: FOR THE TERMINALLY ILL
Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

MARCH: FOR THE MARTYRS OF OUR DAY, WITNESSES TO CHRIST
Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

APRIL: FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN
Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

MAY: FOR THE FORMATION OF MEN AND WOMEN RELIGIOUS, AND SEMINARIANS
Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

JUNE: FOR THOSE FLEEING THEIR OWN COUNTRIES
Let us pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys fraught with danger and violence, may find welcome and new living opportunities in their host countries.

JULY: FOR THE PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK
Let us pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope.

AUGUST FOR POLITICAL LEADERS
Let us pray that political leaders be at the service of their own people, working for integral human development and the common good, taking caring of those who have lost their jobs and giving priority to the poor.

SEPTEMBER FOR THE CRY OF THE EARTH
Let us pray that each of us listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth and of the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis, making a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.

OCTOBER FOR A SHARED MISSION
Let us pray that the Church continue to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

NOVEMBER: FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD
Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

DECEMBER: FOR PILGRIMS OF HOPE
Let us pray that this Jubilee strengthen us in our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in the midst of our lives, transforming us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Parish Childrens Choir: is being set up in the New Year, more information to follow, anyone who would like to be involved please contact the parish office 93 35448 or info@headfordchurch.com

50/50 Fundraising draw: Congratulations to Deirdre Van Der Zee who won the December prize pot of €305 in the Kilcoona NS PA 50/50 draw! Next draw 12th Jan. Tickets at Lottoraiser.ie/Kilcoona NS. Be in it to win it! Thank you for all your support.

Offertory Envelopes for the coming year can be collected from the front of the Church after each mass. If you cannot find your box or are not receiving one 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.

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.

The Origin of the Christmas Crib: To celebrate the birth of Jesus, St. Francis of Assisi decided to make it 'real' for his people and his friars who lived in the hills around the hermitage at Greccio where he lived. With his friends he succeeded in re-creating the first crib scene in a cave surrounded by candles, he celebrated mass at the crib and brought the Christmas story to life. After his death the custom of having a crib spead throughout Europe.

Christmas Eve Prayer at the crib: God our Father, tonight we place the baby Jesus in our crib. Bless us this Christmas night.

Coill na nÓg, Claran Community Childcare will reopen on **Tuesday January the 2nd 2024.** Claran Community Childcare provides a Full Day Care service for 51 weeks per year from 7.45am – 6pm daily. Please contact 087 6903212 or email clarancommunitychildcare@gmail.com for more information. Pre-school open day is Saturday Feb 10th between 10am and 12 noon.

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.

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.

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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.

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

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.

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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.