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 €780** last weekend and in **Claran €405. 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

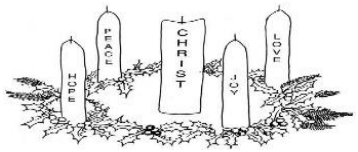
Ministers for December Headford Readers: **Sat 7pm** Pat Duddy **Sun 11.30am** John McHugh

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 Nora Moran, Breadagh, Headford & Ballybane, Patrick Flaherty, Corrandulla & Martina Garvey, Kilroe. May they rest in peace.*



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 (17th December). 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

16th & 17th December 2023 Second 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 9th	**7.00pm**	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**	'**Do this in Memory' Mass** 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.
Mon 11th	**10.00am**	Deirdre (O'Shea) Joyce, Bridge St. Anniv.
Fri 15th	**10.00am**	Mamie McDonagh, Birthday Remembrance
Sat 16th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	John & Margaret Burke, Gortnamona & Sons John & Pete, RIP Luan McCaul, 8th Anniversary Lucy O'Brien, Anniversary The decd. members of the Coyne's Family Headford & Loughrea
Sun 17th	**11.30am**	**Confirmation Enrolment Mass** Mary Margaret Lally, Cloughanover, Anniv. Lucia Mulrooney Cleary, 10th Anniversary Joe & Mary Walsh, Curramore, Anniversary

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 10th	**10.00am**	**'Do this in Memory' Mass** Mathias Keady & decd. members of the Keady family. John Lydon, Slieveroe, Anniversary
Tues 12th	**9.30am**	Nina Buhl RIP
Wed 13th	**9.30am**	Denis Taylor, Clonmel RIP & Denise Ryan Clonmel RIP
Sun 17th	**10.00am**	**Confirmation Enrolment Mass** Thomas Murphy, Kilbeg Pier, 3rd Anniversary Mark Holleran 2nd Anniversary Paul O'Toole & the decd. members of the O'Toole Family. Thanksgiving Mass

Feast Days: Mon 11th St. Damasus I, **Tues 12th** Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Finnian, **Weds 13th** St. Lucy, **Thurs 14th** St. John of the Cross, **Fri 15th** St. Mary di Rosa, **Sat 16th** St. Adelaide, St. John Roberts

First Friday Calls for Christmas will take place on Monday 18th Dec Headford town, Tuesday 19th in Claran & Wednesday 20th Headford surrounding areas.

Reconciliation Service for Christmas will take place in Corner Chapel on Monday the 18th of December at 7.30pm for the parishes of Headford, Claran, Caherlistrane, Kilcoona, Corrandulla & Annaghdown.

Mass Stipends: We are delighted to inform you that excess mass stipends were donated to the Missions during the past year amounted to €6453.

Christmas Triduum Cards on sale in the parish office €3 each or 5 for €10. **The masses will be offered on Mon 18th in Headford Church at 10am, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th in Claran church at 9.30am.Christmas Candles** also available at €5 per candle or 5 candles for €20.

SVP Annual church gate collection is taking place this weekend in Headford & Claran churches. Sat 8th & Sun 10th Dec.

Claran National School Christmas Concert is on Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th December. Show starts at 6.30pm. Tickets are €10 each and are available from Yvonne in the office, 093 35922.

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

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

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.

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

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.

Presentation College Headford Music Department 'Carols by Candlelight' returns to St. Mary's Church, Headford on Thursday December 21st at 7pm.

HMW Ladies Sing-On Choir with Mairead Berrill the choir presents a Christmas concert in Headford Hall, on Friday December 15th at 8pm. Along with The Headford Male Choir, HMW young soloists, St. Mary's church Choir and other friends. All are Welcome, donations will be given to a local charity.

Christmas Fair at Kilcoona N.S. this Sunday **10th** December from **12 to 4pm**. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

Clydagh National School is delighted to invite you to join us in the school hall on Tuesday, December 19th at 6pm for our production of ''A Christmas Carol'. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served after the show

HADA – invites you to the grand launch of "Headford Online" – A new hub for local news and & information Dec. 14th at 7.30pm in the Anglers Rest Hotel.

Choral music at the Museum: Enjoy a weekend of Christmas carols at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on Saturday and Sunday, 16 and 17 December. The Rock 'n' Roses Choir – an inspirational group of cancer survivors – will perform at 3pm on Saturday, 16 December. The Mayo Male Voice Choir will perform at 3pm and the Cill Aodain Choral Society will perform at 4pm on Sunday, 17 December. All are welcome. Admission is free. No booking required.
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

Glór na Róba choir Ballinrobe: are holding our Christmas Charity Concert on Sunday 17th December at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Ballinrobe and was just wondering if you could include in your newsletter. The charity we chose this year is Hugh's House. It's our first concert since 2019 & we are hoping to make it the most magical one yet.

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 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

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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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.