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 €890** last weekend and in **Claran €329. 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 February:
Headford Tommy & Mary Creaven
Claran Mary Greaney & Family.

Ministers for February Headford
Readers: **Sat 7pm** Margaret Walsh
Sun 11.30am Sharon Joyce

Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Eamon Walsh **Sun 11.30am** Carmel O'Malley

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

Minsters for February Claran
Readers: Sun 10am: Josie O'Malley
Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am: Martina Lee and Marian Creaven**.**

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives & friends *of Patrick Curry, Caherlistrane.* ***May he rest in peace.***

Headford Girls N.S now enrolling for Sept 2024. Closing date for enrolment applications is 23/3/24. Forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website headfordgirlsns.com. Open Day for all incoming Junior Infants and parents/guardians on Wed the 31st January from 2.45 to 4pm in the school. Email: headfordgirlsns@gmail.com or phone 093-35377.

Claran National School Junior Infants Open Day Tuesday 13th February at 2pm for more information please contact 093 35922 or officce@clarannationalschool.ie. New ASD Class opening in Sept 2024.

Coill Na Nóg Childcare Open day Saturday 10th February 10-12pm for infor please call 087 6903212 or email clarancommunitychildcare@gmail.com.

Feast Days: Mon 29th St. Gildas, **Tue 30th** St. Aidan, St Hyacintha Mariscotti, **Weds 31st** St. John Bosco, **Thurs 1st** St. Brigid, **Fri 2nd PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, Sat 3rd** St. Blaise, St Ansgar.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

27th & 28th January 2024 Fourth 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 27th	**7.00pm**	Roy Corbett, Main St. Anniversary Breege Waldron, Raffee, 1st Anniversary
Sun 28th	**11.30am**	Olive Brennan & Tess Staunton, 1st Anniversaries, John Brennan RIP and all the deceased of the Brennan & Hughes Family. Special Intention Anne Philomena Moore.
Sat 3rd	**7.00pm**	Eileen & Joe Wynne RIP & the deceased members of the Wynne Family Jimmy Flaherty, Grange, Corrandulla, birthday remembrance. Monica Finnegan, Dublin, RIP Nora Fitzgerald 8th Anniversary & her husband Tom & their Son Gerard RIP
Sun 4th	**11.30am**	Maureen Day, Deerpark, Anniversary Mark & Agnes O'Shaughnessy RIP & Bridie Reilly RIP Ger Concannon, Joe and Clare Croke RIP

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 27th	**10.00am**	Maureen Healy, 1st Anniversary Kathleen Flemming, 1st Anniversary Noel Egan, Curramore 3rd Anniv. and his parents Michael Egan & Chris Egan 4th Anniversary.
Sun 4th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Kathleen Fahy, Cloon, 1st Anniversary and all the deceased of the Fahy & McEvaddy Families.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – February 2nd

*When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "****Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."*** *(****Lk. 2:22-25, 27-32****)*

Prayer: *My saving Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law You revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified, and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank You for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate Your light as You dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.*

First Confessions: Congratulations to all the children of the Parish, who made their first confession this week.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: *Friday 2nd February2024. 9-10am Headford Church. Followed by Mass.*

First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Headford Church 3rd of February 2024. Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass.*

Clydagh National School is now enrolling for Sept 2024. Enrolment forms are available on our school website www.clydaghns.ie or from the school office. An Open Day is scheduled for Tuesday, 6th February at 1 pm. If attending during the day isn't convenient, evening/ weekend appointments are also available. These can be booked by emailing the school at clydaghnsoffice@gmail.com or by phone at 093-35868.
The school staff looks forward to welcoming all prospective students and their parents/guardians.

Cloughanover NS are now enrolling for September 2024. Prospective parents and children welcome 6-7pm Tue 13th February at the school. If you cannot make it on the night, please email the school at cloughanoverschool@gmail.com or call on 35315 for enrolment forms.

The 40th Galway Cathedral Solemn Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place from the 5th to 13th of February 2024. Mass times: Monday – Saturday 11.00am, 1.10pm and 7.30pn; Sunday 10.30am, 12.30pm, 3.00pm and 6.00pm. Guided Holy Hour: weeknights at 8.30pm. For more info: www.galwaycathedral.ie **or** email info@galwaycathedral.ie

HADA: Join us for a night of 25 cards, fun, and giving back at our Card Game Fundraiser! Save the date 28th January, 7-9pm, and bring your friends and family to Cloughanover. Tickets at the door and let's play for a purpose! All proceeds support The Headford and District Association.

Make a St Brigid's Cross: Get ready for St Brigid's Day with a free, drop-in activity to make a St Brigid's Cross, from 2pm to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, 27 and 28 January, at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar. Free guided tours at 2pm and 3pm on both days. See www.museum.ie for further information.

Chime : Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Clinical room R22 in the Old Health centre , Vicar St Tuam H54 HO28 Friday, February 2nd 2024 , 10am-12:30pm. Contact Tony Dolan for more information or an appointment 086 8341318 Tony.dolan@chime.ie Appointment and contact is necessary to gain access to the building.

Annual Tuam Young Adults night Friday February 2nd @Knock Shrine Begins with Mass at 6pm in the apparition chapel. Followed by guest speakers, Q&A Session, Pizza and social. Info Call Mark @0871323296.

The Salesian Bulletin and Calendar are both available at the back of the church. The bulletin is published by the Salesians of Don Bosco as a means of communication and information about their work, especially for the young, at home and on missions. It also contributes ideas to the religious and social issues of our times. Founded by St. John Bosco in 1877, it is published in 57 different editions throughout the world, in a total of 31 languages.

Wilde River Drama Group, Ballinrobe & Surrounding Area: are currently looking for people (both onstage & off-stage roles) for our Spring production. No age limit. Please email dramagroupriver@gmail.com or contact us on Facebook/Instagram or call 0876226368 for further details.

Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25th Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration and fun on Saturday April 6th 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626.

St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men - Led by Fr Stephen Kennedy, IVE, Fri Feb 2nd to Mon Feb 5th (bank holiday) in De La Salle retreat centre, Castletown, Laois, R32N6D8. Cost €200 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr. Constancy 089 - 2152307 or c.puertadelaauroral@gmail.com

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.

Corofin Medjugorje Pilgrimage 5th – 12th June 2024. €795.00 Prices increase to €845 after 2nd February. Spiritual director Fr Ciaran Blake. Lead by Dymphna Glynn. Direct flights to Mostar- Medjugorje. Call Dymphna 085 8197155 or Marian pilgrimages 01 878 8159.

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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.

Glencorrib Kilroe CFR group is hosting a 25 Card Drive on Wed 17th January at 8.30pm, in Glencorrib Hall. Admission is €10 or tickets can be bought in advance at Kearney's Shop, Mullin's Shop or Paddy Fitzgerald Agri. All proceeds go towards training and equipment.

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.

Offertory Envelopes for this New 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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 2024/25

	2024	2025
Ash Wednesday	14th Feb	5th March
Good Friday	29th March	18th April
Easter Sunday	31st March	20th April
Ascension	12th May	29th April
Pentecost	19th May	8th June
Trinity	26th May	15th June
Corpus Christi	2nd June	22nd June
First Sunday of Advent	1st December	30th November