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 €905** last weekend and in **Claran €385 . 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 January Claran Readers: Sun 10am: Breda Joyce **Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am:** Mary Fahy, Helena Hastings.

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

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.

Popes Francis Intentions for the month of January

In January, the Pope's prayer intention is for **the gift of diversity in the church**. Today, we will pray that we will recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

6th & 7th January 2024 The Baptism of the Lord
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 6th	**7.00pm**	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 John Joe & Margaret O'Connor, Galway Road
Mon 8th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Fri 12th	**10.00am**	Nonie & Tommy Rea & decd. members of the family
Sat 13th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Maureen Newell, Anniversary, Oaklands John & Paschal Hynes & decd. of the Hynes Family Tom & Mary Sweeney & the decd. of the Sweeney Family. John Biggins, Culleen, Anniversary Padraic Murray, Ballyhale, 10th Anniversary
Sun 14th	**11.30am**	**The People of the Parish** Tom Flynn, Cong Road, 4th Anniversary Austin & Mary Derrig, Anniversary Seamus Donnellan, 8th Anniversary & his Dad Jim RIP

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 7th	**10.00am**	Fr. Martin Newell, 1st Anniversary Margaret & Peter Woulfe, Cloonkeely, Anniversary
Tues 9th	**9.30am**	Fr. Thomas Earnor RIP
Wed 10th	**9.30am**	Mary Sweeney RIP
Sun 14th	**10.00am**	Paddy Keady, Owerbeg & the decd. members of the Keady Family. Nora McGagh (nee Purcell), Ower, 5th Anniversary

Feast Days: Sun 7th St. Raymond, Mon 8th THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, Tues 9th St. Adrian of Canterbury, **Weds 10th** St. Peter Orseolo, **Thurs 11th** St. Silvanus of Amiens, **Fri 12th** St. Aelred of Rievaulx St. Benet Biscopo, **Sat 13th** St. Kentigern, St. Hilary.



By God's gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In God's goodness, may He continue to pour out His blessings upon these sons and daughters. May He make us always, wherever we may be, faithful members of His holy people. May He send His peace upon all who are gathered here, in Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

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Parish Childrens Choir: is being set up for Saturday Evening Masses. More information to follow, anyone who would like to be involved please contact the parish office 93 35448 or info@headfordchurch.com

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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