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 €1480** last weekend and in **Claran €515. 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 and friends of Paddy O'Brien, Culleen, Headford, Bridget Conneely, Gleann Trasna, Camus and Mark Hayes, Shrule & Headford.
May they rest in peace.

Archdiocese of Tuam, Pilgrimage to Fatima: with Spiritual Director; May 9th to 16th 2024; 7 nights; ex Dublin; discount for early bookings. Contact 012410800.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, from Ireland West (Knock) Airport, 6 nights, Friday August 30th to Thursday, Sept 5th, 2024. For details and booking, please contact 01-2410800.

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

Feast Days: Mon 26th St. Alexander, **Tues 27th** St. Gregory, St. Gabriel, **Weds** 28th St. Oswald, **Thurs 29th** St. Aubin, **Fri 1st** St. David, **Sat 2nd** St. Marinus.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

24th & 25th February 2024 Second Sunday of Lent
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 24th	**7.00pm**	**Childrens Liturgy Mass** John & Katie Hannon & their sons John and Michael RIP Jack and Francis Hughes & Nora Conneely, Galway, Anniversary Private Intention The decd. members of the Joyce family, Ballyconlought & USA.
Sun 25th	**11.30am**	Frank O'Connor, 1st Anniversary Private Intention Philomena Geraghty, 100th Birthday
Mon 26th	**10.00am**	John and Nellie Lee, Cahergal, Anniversary
Fri 1st March	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 2nd	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Alice Grimes and the decd. of the Grimes and Brazil families. Patricia Steed and the decd. members of the Steed family Tony Durkin, Ballyhale, Anniversary The decd. members of the Creaven, O'Malley and Fallon families.
Sun 3rd	**11.30am**	**The People of the Parish** Mike Dooley, Clooneen, Anniversary Mary Francis O'Sullivan, RIP

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 25th	**10.00am**	**Childrens Liturgy Mass** The People of the Parish Richard O'Halloran, 3rd Anniversary and the decd. members of the O'Halloran Family.
Tues 27th	**9.30am**	Maureen Healy & John Marion Keady RIP
Wed 28st	**9.30am**	Jimmy Greaney Anniv. & his daughter Brigid Greaney Lee RIP
Sun 3rd	**10.00am**	William O'Tool, Months Mind Patie and Mike Walsh, Annaghkeen, Cairín Darcy, 3rd Anniversary The decd. members of the Carney family, Carnacrow & USA.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: *Friday 1st March 2024. 9-10am Headford Church.*

First Saturday Devotions to our Lady of Fatima: *9-10am Headford Church 2nd of March 2024. Rosary & Fatima Prayers*

First Friday Calls for the sick and the housebound will take place on the following dates: Tuesday 27th Feb: Claran, Thursday 29th Feb: Headford Town, Friday 1st March: Headford surrounding areas.

Pastoral Council Meeting: will take place in the Parochial house on Wednesday the 28th of February at 7pm.

Claran Church Renovation 2024: we are now accepting tenders for the restoration works that are to be carried out in Claran Church this summer: - Roof works, painting, electrical and flooring. Those who would like to express an interest or would like more information please contact the Parish Office 093 35448 or info@headfordchurch.com.

PCH Parents Association are hosting their first ever BINGO on Sunday 3rd March at 6pm in St Fursa's Hall, Headford. The aim of our bingo evening is to run a fun community event for parents, friends, and students while raising funds for the school. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Headford and District Association would like to express sincere thanks to all those who supported its church gate collection last weekend. €701.98 was collected and these monies will go towards this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade in Headford.

Adult Faith Formation: The OCIA Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) the overall goal of the OCIA is to provide participants with a substantial introduction into the teachings, traditions, and beliefs of the Catholic Church. If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or know someone who might be, don't hesitate to contact the Parish office via phone 093 35448 or email info@headfordchurch.com for more information. We will hold an information evening to begin this programme in mid-April.

25 CARD GAME in aid of Temple Street Hospital ICU takes place in Cloughanover Community Centre on Sunday 25th Feb at 7pm, tickets €10.

Chime: Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Outreach clinic
The venue is now Clinical room R22 in the Old Health centre, Vicar St Tuam H54 HO28 Friday, March 1st 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.**

Community Meeting: Join Hands for a Tidier Headford. Join us at 2pm, on Feb 24th, in St Fursa's Hall Headford, for a special community meeting on revitalising our town through the Tidy Towns initiative. Share ideas, volunteer, and shape a cleaner, more attractive Headford.

A Table Quiz fundraiser. Join us at 8pm, on March 8th at the Anglers Rest Hotel, for a Table Quiz Fundraiser. All proceeds raised go towards our St Patrick's Day Parade celebration. Tickets on Eventbrite or on the door.

Our Parish: Facing The Future' an opportunity to explore the challenges facing our parishes today. This 3-part series at St. John's centre, Knock Shrine will take place on February 26th, March 4th and March 11th from 8pm to 9.30pm. Facilitated by Rev. Dr. Eugene Duffy, with international guest speakers via video link. This will be of particular interest to parish pastoral councils. See www.knockshrine for more information.

Evangelium Ireland will host its next Apologetics Conference for young Catholics at St Patrick's College, Maynooth on Saturday, 16 March. Talks & workshops include: The Gift of the Priesthood, Intro to the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger, Christian Marriage, Female Authors of the Catholic Revival, Christian Metaphysics, St Patrick. Mass will also be celebrated. Cost: €38 including lunch, refreshments and evening social. For to view the full programme and to register visit www.evangelium.ie or search 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn and pray with other young Catholics!

Marriage Enrichment is a Weekend experience is for married couples who want something more in their marriage ~ more fun, spontaneity, excitement, communication, understanding, romance, intimacy, passion, joy. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 26th to Sunday 28h April 2024. Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare Online booking only: www.marriageencounter.ie

Family Support Drop-in 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.

Calling Pioneers and Friends to the 25th Pioneer National Ball. An evening of celebration 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. For details/ tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626.

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.

Offertory Envelopes for this 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.

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**
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.

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.

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.

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.

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