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. 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 €630** last weekend and in **Claran €400. Thank you.**

Headford & Claran Parish is committed to the protection of all children and young people. The Parish Safeguarding Policy is available on https://www.tuamarchdiocese.org/diocesan-safeguarding-policy/

Safeguarding Officers are PJ Newell and Maura Moran.

Altar Candle Intentions for March:
Headford Private Intention **Claran** Walsh and Heverin Families.

Ministers for March Headford
Readers: **Sat 7pm** Pat Duddy
Sun 11.30am Mary Mc Hugh
Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Mary McHugh
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** James Moran, Siobhan Waldron
Minsters for March Claran
Readers: Sun 10am: Michelle Kenny
Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am: May Kenny, Nessa Cosgrove.

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Jimmy Scully, Annaghdown, Susan Steed, The Square, Headford, Phyllis Walsh, Ballinasloe. May they rest in peace.

We kindly ask that you book anniversary Masses a good bit in advance (at least a month) rather than leaving to short notice. We try to only take 4 intentions per weekend Mass and 1 for weekday masses and we ask that you be understanding if your preferred date is not available.

First Friday Call will take place during Holy Week. Tues 26th March Claran Area, Weds 27th March Headford Town & Thurs 28th Headford Surrounding Area.

Multi-Cultural Event Solas Family Resource Centre are organising a multi- cultural event celebrating diversity in our community taking place on Saturday 13th April in St Fursa's Hall, Headford. It will take place between 2-4pm and we are inviting everyone to bring a dish from their culture/country of origin to share. There will also be live music and children activities. It promises to be a lovely event and to show that we are stronger together and there is unity in diversity.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

23rd & 24th March 2024 Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)
Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 35448 info@headfordchurch.com

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Headford

Sat 23rd	**7.00pm**	Gerard Steed & decd. members of the Family Tommy Coen, Renmore, Anniversary Kathleen Concannon, 2nd Anniversary Lily Ann Mannion, 12th Anniversary Mike & Loretta McDonagh, Ballyconlought /St. Louis RIP
Sun 24th	**11.30am** Palm Sunday	Christy Hackett, Cordarra, 3rd Anniv., his sister Sr. Leo Hackett (Jane) 1st Anniversary & the decd. members of the Hacket family. John Hynes, Claran, 10th Anniversary Jim & Mary McDonagh, Windfort, Anniversary Thomas & Mary McDonagh, Ballynakillew, Anniv.
Mon 25th	**10.00am** **7.30pm**	Triduum Mass (1) **Penitential Service – Corner Chapel**
Tue 26th	**7.30pm**	Healing Mass with a blessing afterwards
Fri 29th	**3.00pm** **8.00pm**	Stations of the Cross **Passion of Our Lord**
Sat 30th	**11-12.00pm** **12.00pm** **9.00pm**	Confessions *Święconka* – the blessing of the Easter Basket Private Intention
Sun 31st	**11.30am**	Mary Hackett, Cordarra, RIP Deirdre Lee, 4th Anniversary Patrick & Kate O'Connell, Ballyconlought, Anniv.

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 24th Palm Sunday	**10.00am**	***Nora Ann Feans Months Mind*** The People of the Parish Patrick Halloran, 8th Anniversary Wiktoria Kubaczyk, 11th Anniversary Fr. Declan O'Toole, RIP and his companions Fideles and Patrick RIP
Tue 26th	**9.30am**	Triduum Mass (2)
Wed 27th	**9.30am**	Triduum Mass (3) followed by confessions
Thur 28th	**8.00pm**	**Mass of the Lords Supper** Hughie Smith RIP (Mass Card) Followed by Adoration until 10.00pm
Fri 29th	**3.00pm**	Stations of the Cross
Sat 30th	**7.00pm**	Catherine Feeney RIP (Mass Card)
Sun 31st He is Risen	**6.00am Greenfield** **10.00am**	The People of the Parish Hugie Smith RIP (Mass Card) John & Nora Fahy, Curramore, Anniv. Bernard and Mary Flynn, Anniv.



Easter Triduum Cards are still available from the Parish Office 5 for €10. The Triduum of Masses will take place at 10am on Mon 25th March in Headford Church, Tue 26th & Wed 27th March at 9.30am in Claran church. **Easter 7 Day Candles** also available at €5 each for 5 for €20.

Easter Sunday Dawn Mass (31st March) will be held in Greenfields @ 6am. People travelling to Mass are asked to arrive on time. Please bring warm clothing, a folding chair or stool (for you own comfort) and where possible shared transport in order to assist with parking at the venue.

Reconciliation Service for Easter, Celebration of the Sacrament of Confession Mon 25th March in Corner Chapel at 7.30pm organised by the parishes of Headford/Claran, Shrule/Glencorrib, Caherlistrane/Kilcoona & Corrandulla/Annaghdown.

Easter Confessions: after 9.30am mass on Wed 27th March in Claran Church and Holy Saturday 30th March from 11am – 12pm.

Easter Dues: in support of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all masses during the Easter Period. Envelopes are in your offertory box. If you don't have one, special envelopes are available at the church door.

Volunteer Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist & Offertory Basket Collectors needed. If you have any questions Fr. Ray would love to speak to you any day after mass or contact the office 093 35448.

Headford Women's group are hosting a tea morning on Tues 26th March for M.M.D at 10.30am – 12.30am in St. Fursa's Hall. All are welcome.

The Headford and District Association would like to extend their thanks to all who volunteered in the organisation of the St Patrick's Day parade, also to all who donated to our fundraisers. We would also like to thank everyone who participated in the parade, which was a huge success.

Help Us Restore Our Playground! To date we have raised €1,600, all thanks to your generosity. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has donated so far. However, to complete the repairs we need €3,500. You can donate directly at https://gofund.me/f4a2f05a or drop your contributions in the box at Moyne Villa. Let's work together to make our playground a place of joy and fun for everyone!

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock led by Archbishop Duffy will take place on Sunday, May 5th with the Sacrament of the Sick at 2.30. Mass will commence at 3pm.

The Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey Holy Week, Monday 25th, Tuesday 26th and Wednesday the 27th of March @ 9pm. Admission is free, donation are appreciated. All donation for the passion play cover essential running costs, enabling us to continue this event.

Tuam Youth midterm-hike Friday the 5th April. 10am mass, St. Marys Westport. Transport to and from Westport to Croagh Patrick. A great opportunity to socialize and meet other young people in your diocese. Light refreshment provided afterwards. Booking is essential. Contact Eimear 0877588247/ Mark 0871323296 @tuamyoungadultministry

Please join us at 8.30pm on Wednesday 27th March for a 25 Card Drive in Glencorrib Hall. €10 admission. All proceeds go towards the Glencorrib Kilroe Senior Citizen party and the purchase of another defibrillator for our local area. There will be super hamper prizes to be won! All support appreciated!

The Friends of Darragh 7 a-side Tournament will take place on Saturday 30th March at the pitch. Refreshments will be provided on the day. All proceeds raised on the day will be going towards the Kevin Bell Repartition Trust. The KBRT aims to alleviate the financial hardship of bereaved families repatriating the body (bodies) of loved one(s) who have died abroad in sudden or tragic circumstances back to Ireland.

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.

Good2Go Galway Sports Partnership and Healthy Galway are hosting a 5 week older adult physical activity trainings in Ballybane Community Centre Galway City starting on Wednesday 10th April. This free training is aimed for active retirement groups and will take place from 10am – 1:30pm each week. 2-3 representatives from each group (women's/men's sheds, active retirement groups, carers for older adults with disabilities etc.) will learn from the workshop then deliver the activities back to their group. The equipment needed will be provided on loan. Tea/coffee and refreshments will be supplied. For more information and to register please email galwayactive@galwaycoco.ie

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.

Solas Family Support Drop-in Clinic: 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.

Chy3 Charity Donations Scheme: Thanks to all who have returned forms. It's still not too late to sign up. 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: *Friday 5th April 2024. 9-10am Headford Church.*

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

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.

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.

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**

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

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.

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