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 €945** last weekend and in **Claran €355. 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 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 Nora Ann Fearn Carnakib, Canon Fr. Eamon Concannon, Knock and Rev Fr Seamus Nohilly SMA Wilton, Cork (late of Cummer, Tuam, Co. Galway)

May they rest in peace.

Church Gate Collections: Anyone looking to organise a church gate collection must organise a permit with Án Garda Síochána and notify the parish office in advance. It is advisable to check the date with the Parish as collections are not recommended on certain Holy Dates.

Prayer for wounded families



Almighty and loving God, you led St. Eugene de Mazenod through the sufferings and challenges of a broken family to a life of holiness.
Through his constant intercession bless those whose relationships are damaged and broken. Grant them the gifts of understanding, patience, love and courage to overcome the problems of life. We ask this through Jesus our Saviour and Lord – Amen.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

2nd & 3rd March 2024 Third 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 2nd	**7.00pm**	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
Mon 4th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 8th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 9th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Private Intention Tony Fahy, Liss, Anniversary & the decd. members of the Fahy family. The deceased members of the Breslin Family
Sun 10th	**11.30am**	'Do this in Memory' Mass Tom and Philomena McDonagh, Ballyconlaught, Anniversary & the decd. members of the McDonagh Family. Kevin Joyce Anniversary & his wife Mary Joyce RIP James and Annie Kearns, St. Mary's Rd, Birthday Remembrance.

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

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.
Tues 5th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Wed 6th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Thurs 7th	**9.30an**	Thanksgiving Mass
Sun 3rd	**10.00am**	'Do this in Memory' Mass Fr. Fursey O'Toole, John, Celia, & Pat O'Toole Bridie & Jim Lee & the Decd. of the Lee Family Curramore Patrick & Bridget Walsh, and their son Michael Joe Walsh, Anniv.

Feast Days: Mon 4th St. Casimir, **Tues 5th** St. Kieran, **Wed 6th** St. Colette, **Thurs 7th** Ss Perpetua and Felicity, **Fri 8th** St. John of God, St. Senan, **Sat 9th** St Frances of Rome.

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Safeguarding: A meeting for all adults helping with the children's choirs will take place in the Parochial house on Thurs the 7th of February at 7.30pm.

Information evening: on Synodality and the changing vision of the church. will take place in the Anglers Rest Hotel on Monday the 11th of February at 7.30pm. Together we will explore the following question "How can we imagine the life of the Church in Ireland where people are co-responsible for the Church's mission in different ways"? All are welcome and your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers involved in the youth choir and associated children's groups will take place in Claran National School on Saturday the 23rd of March at 10am.

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!

The Board of Management of Clydagh N.S. are seeking a driven and innovative individual to spearhead the establishment of a preschool and afterschool service within our school. For more information: email clydaghnsoffice@gmail.com or contact Dympna at 087-615-1167

25 CARD GAME in aid of Clydagh National School takes place in the school on Sunday 24th March at 7pm, tickets €10. Lots of prizes on the night. Tea/coffee and refreshments served.

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.

Coill na nÓg, Claran Community Childcare Service, Claran National School, Headford are running an Easter Camp over the Easter Holidays. March 25th – 29th and April 2nd – 5th. Daily from 9am to 2pm. Cost is €25 per day or €100 for the week. If you would like to book a place please contact 087-6903212 or email: clarancommunitychildcare@gmail.com. All children are welcome (limited spaces).

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.

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.**

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.

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.

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 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*

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.

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.

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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