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** last weekend and in **Claran €. 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 Special Intention **Claran** Ann O'Toole and family

Ministers for March Headford
Readers: **Sat 7pm** Rita O'Shea
Sun 11.30am Ina Curran
Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Ina Curran
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** James Moran, Siobhan Waldron
Minsters for March Claran
Readers: Sun 10am: Stephanie Cahill
Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am: Mary Fahy, Carmel O'Malley Kenny.

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Michael Payne, Salthill, May he 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.

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's activities. It promises to be a lovely event and to show that we are stronger together and there is unity in diversity.

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 Prayer*

Parish of Killursa & Killower

6th & 7th April 2024, Second Sunday of Easter
Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 35448 info@headfordchurch.com
Website:www.headfordchurch.com Parish Radio 108fm.
Online Streaming on Churchtv.ie/headford, churchtv.ie/claran or Headford Parish on Facebook

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Headford

Sat 6th	**7.00pm**	***Bridie Corbett, Months Mind*** Noreen Creaven, Anniversary Joe Geraghty Anniv. and the decd. members of the Geraghty family. Mary and Anthony Cunningham, Martin Keville and Mick Hanley, RIP Paddy and Peggy Browne, Castleview, Anniv.
Sun 7th	**11.30am**	***Paddy O'Brien Months Mind*** Ivor O'Connell Anniversary Sadie Langan, RIP Michael Corbet, Main St. 5th Anniversary
Mon 8th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 12th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 13th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Lily Geraghty RIP (Mass Card) ***Mary Daveron, Inchiquin, Months Mind*** Kathleen Murray, Ballyhale, 1st Anniversary & her husband Matt Anniversary.
Sun 14th	**11.30am**	Tom Nohilly, Castleview & the decd. members of the Nohilly & Broderick Family, Joe Fitzgibbons, Bridge St. Birthday Rem. Pat & Mary Margaret Joyce, Carrowbeg, Anniv.

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 7th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Nora Moran RIP (Mass Card)
Tue 9th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Wed 10th	**9.30am**	No Mass
Sun 14th	**10.00am**	Kathleen Keady RIP and the decd. members of the Keady Family. Cormac and David Lee, Carnakib & the decd. of the Lee Family. Sr. Teresa Lee England, RIP, Birthday Remembrance

Feast Days: Mon 8th Annunciation of the Lord, Tues 9th St. Casilda, **Weds 10th** St. Fulbert, **Thurs 11th** St. Stanislaus, **Fri 12th** St. Julius I, **Sat 13th** St. Martin I.

Easter Dues: in support of the priests of the parish were be taken up at all masses on Easter Sunday. Envelopes are in your offertory box. If you don't have one, special envelopes are available at the church door. **Thank you to all who gave so far.**

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.

Trocaire Boxes can bel left into the sacristy after mass or dropped into the Parish Office (10am – 2pm). ***Thank you to all who have donated***. Last year our parish raised **€2900**. The total amount (including ours) for the Diocese of Tuam was **€280,716.53.**

Thank you to all who bought our Christmas Triduum cards, with your support our parish was able to donate €1000 to Ability West in Headford, €1000 to i4Life & €1,000 to Daisy Lodge in Cong.

The 'Synodal Explored' conference will be held on 19 and 20 April, where Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops will be the keynote speaker. Please find attached details of the conference which is a free event, open to the public and all are welcome.

Tuam Cancer Care will be holding their Annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th of April. We greatly appreciate your support.

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.

VAKS PROGRAMME: Knock Youth Ministry are now accepting applications for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine). This programme is open to TY, 5th and 6th year to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! It is a particularly exciting opportunity this year as we launch our new state of the art Youth Village this summer! For further information please check out our website www.knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knock-shrine or you can contact us on 094 9375321 or youthministry@knockshrine.

A concert in aid of HopeSpace Children's Grief Support Service will be held on Thursday 11th of April in the Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill. Featuring Ultan Conlon, Kiltullagh Community Choir, The Bluebirds, The Opacas, Colohan and Aileen Henderson & Special Guests. Further information and tickets from Eventbrite/Concert for Hope

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

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.

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.

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