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 €750** last weekend and in **Claran €460. 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 May:
Headford Intentions of Jimmy & Bernie Sweeney & Teresa & Paddy Joyce, Ballyhale **Claran** D'Arcy Family Inventions.

Ministers for May Headford
Readers: **Sat 7pm** Fintan O'Malley
Sun 11.30am John McHugh
Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Michael Hughes **Sun 11.30am** John McHugh
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Andy Curran, Redmond Newell.
Minsters for April Claran
Readers: Sun 10am: Helena Hastings
Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am: Martina Walsh and Nessa Cosgrove.

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Tom Gibbons, Loughrea and formerly of (Gibbons Bar) Shrule. Paddy Hogan, Rosstaff. 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 Masses and 1 for weekday masses and we ask that you be understanding if your preferred date is not available.

Feast Days: Mon 6th Bl. Gerard of Lunel, **Tues 7th** St. John of Veverly, **Weds 8th** Bl. John Sullivan, St. Victor, **Thurs 9th** St Pachomius, **Fri 10th** St. Comgall, St John of Avila, **Sat 11th** St Francis di Girolamo.

Cloughanover NS Childcare Lilypad Montessori and Afterschool *is opening at Cloughanover NS in Sep 2024.Now taking enrolments for preschool, breakfast club and after school. ECCE and NCS subsidies available. Contact Catriona on 0863761417 or email catmaughan@gmail.com to register.*

Parish of Killursa & Killower

4th & 5th May 2024, Sixth 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 04th	**7.00pm**	***Susan Steed Months Mind*** Mary Joyce, Culleen, 30th Anniversary Bridget & Michael Curran, Ballycolgan, Anniv.
Sun 05th	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish Paddy Joyce, Headford, Anniversay Nora Flaherty, Invern, RIP
Mon 06th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Fri 10th	**10.00am**	Paddy O'Brien RIP (Mass Card)
Sat 11th	**10.00am** **11.45am** **7.00pm**	Maureen Bridget O'Donnell, 12th Anniv. & Judith Ann O'Donnell RIP ***First Holy Communion - Headford Girls N.S*** Tom Sweeney, Ballyhale, Anniversary Pauline & Michael Steed 19th & 12th Anniv. Gortnamona
Sun 12th	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish Rev Fr. Paddy Heneghan

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 05th	**10.00am**	Mike Walsh, Knocklahard, 1st Anniversary John James and Bridie Earnor 4th & 5th Anniv. Mary Daveron, Inchquinn, RIP Margaret & Dermot O'Toole, Knocklahard, Anniv.
Tue 07th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Wed 08th	**9.30am**	Teresa Walsh RIP (Mass Card)
Sun 12th	**10.00am**	Willie O'Toole RIIP (Mass Card)

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

Proposed Renovations at Claran Church: Suitably qualified contractors interested in quoting for the above works are invited to contact Patrick J Newell, Consulting Engineers at info@newelleng.ie or 093 35641 in order to obtain documentation.

Tuam Cancer Care would like to thank everyone who supported the Annual Church Gate Collection on the14th & 15th April. €520.76 was collected at St Mary's Church Headford. This year's collection raised over **€7,600** for Tuam Cancer Care. Your support is greatly appreciated."

Congratulations to all the Children in Cloughanover National School that made their First Holy Communion last Saturday.

Headford Childrens Choir: Choir practise for this year's confirmation (Headford) will take place in Headford Church at 6pm on Monday the 6th of May. We invite all children from 2nd class upwards to come and join Headford & Cloughanover's National Schools confirmation classes. The confirmation will take place in Headford Church @ 2.30pm, Tues May 14th.

Finance Meeting to take place in the Parochial House on Tuesday the 7th of May at 7.30pm.

Come Follow Me' Weekend Workshop, 7th–9th June: An introductory training weekend to teach children (ages 7–11) about the Catholic faith using the 'Come Follow Me' catechetical programme, for use in parishes and schools. Presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Mary's Church, the Claddagh. No previous experience required! For more information and to register, please contact Ruth on (087) 4090344 or email comefollowmegalway@gmail.com.

Meals4Health -A social enterprise of COPE Galway – Delivers fresh delicious affordable meals to your door. Suited to the dietary requirements of the older person. Phone 091 354 000 or visit www.meals4health.ie Special and modified dietary requirements catered for. Nationwide delivery available.

Accord Castlebar have marriage preparation programmes available on the following dates, 13th & 14th September and 18th & 19th October 2024. They are being held in the Ellison Hotel in Castlebar. Bookings: www.accord.ie.

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.

Knockroon National School would like to thank everyone that supported the recent scrap metal collection fundraiser which was very successful.

The 'Live Life' Youth Retreat, in memory of Donal Walsh, is taking place on May the 9th at Knock Shrine. The theme of Live Life to the Full is explored though a variety of speakers and workshops. This is a free event and booking is essential. Email Knock Youth Ministry at youthministry@knockshrine.ie or call on 0949375321 for more information or to book a group.

St Gobnait by Harry Clarke: at the National Museum of Ireland - Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. The St Gobnait drawing, created by Harry Clarke in 1914, is on special loan from the Corning Museum of Glass in New York State. It is on display for a limited time, until Tuesday, 7 May 2024, Admission to the Museum is free. Visit www.museum.ie for info.

CANA Talks – "A Roadmap to Happiness" – T.F Royal Theatre, Castlebar, Co. Mayo – Fri 31st May, 8 pm. Enjoy real-life stories, humour, inspiring talks, great visuals, music, + more. This is not a conference, but a show! Tickets €23 + booking fee @ www.ticketmaster.ie, T.F. Box Office 094 902 3111, or @ the door. www.canatalks.com.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG seeking marriage preparation facilitators ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie. **Closing date for applications is Friday, 3rd May 2024.**

Wilde River Drama Group Ballinrobe present 'Shush' a dramatic comedy by Elaine Murphy at O'Brien Memorial Hall, The Neale, on Thursday the 2nd, Friday the 3rd and Saturday the 4th May. Tickets available from Dee Biggins Ballinrobe or Eventbrite.ie , All support greatly appreciated.

Church Gate Collections: Anyone looking to organise a church gate collection must get a permit from Án Garda Síochána and notify the parish office in advance. It is advisable to check the date with the Parish office first as collections are not recommended on certain dates. Guidelines for collections can be found on www.headfordchurch.com.

The Spring Craft Fair of Tuam Men's Shed will take place on Saturday, May 4th from 10am to 4pm. The Fair had been scheduled for April 6th but had to be cancelled due to Storm Kathleen. It will now take place in the Shed that is located at the back of the Christian Brother's Monastery on Dublin Road. A wide range of hand crafted items, both practical and artistic, will be available.

ALONE Seeks Volunteers in Galway and Mayo and its surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for one hour per week and/or telephone support for 2 hours per week. Our befriending program is designed to help older people combat loneliness and isolation. We need your help more than ever.
If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to me on 086 0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021

The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat will take place in Calasanctius College, Oranmore, Co. Galway on the weekend of May 10th to 12th, consisting of workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. Come along for the weekend or pop in & say hello! Donation only, 16-35yrs. To book a place or for more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email connaught@youth2000.ie.

Tuam Archdiocese Youth evangelization Seminar . Calling all teachers, priests, youth ministers, parents, religious, young people, and all interested parties! On 10th May an important Seminar will take place in Knock Shrine and **we want to hear from you**. The evening will begin with input from guest speakers Gerard Hanley (Alpha Ireland), and Charlene Morgan and Luca McQuillan (Revive Scotland) This will be followed by an opportunity for facilitated group discussions, "conversations in the Spirit", and an opportunity for Q&A. Tea/coffee/Refreshments on arrival from 7:30pm St John's Centre. Conference begins at 8pm Sharp. Register for free to 0871323296 or markquinn@tuamparish.com

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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