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 €805** last weekend and in **Claran €295. 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 June:
Headford Intentions of the King Family & Hynes Family, Crosswood. **Claran** Intentions of Michael & Marian Creaven.

Ministers for June Headford
Readers: **Sat 7pm** Deirdre King
Sun 11.30am Siobhan Waldron
Ministers of the Eucharist: **Sat. 7pm** Bernie Sweeney **Sun 11.30am** Siobhan Waldron.
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Andy Curran, Redmond Newell.
Minsters for June Claran
Readers: Sun 10am: Stephanie Cahill
Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am: Tom D'Arcy, Marian Creaven.

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Fr. John Walsh**, retired Parish Priest of Aghamore, May he rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 17th St Albert Chmielowski, **Tues 18th** St. Elizabeth of Schonau, **Weds 19th S**t. Romuald, **Thurs 20th The Blessed Irish Martyrs, Fri 21st** St Aloysius Gonzaga, **Sat 22nd** Ss John Fisher and Thomas More, St Paulinus of Nola.

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.

Charitable Donations Scheme: if you are an Irish taxpayer and have contributed more than €250 to Headford/Claran Church within a calendar year, you can enhance the value of your donation at no additional cost to you – by filling in a **CHY4 form** (available form the parish office & at the back of the church) and returning it to the parish office. This allows us to avail of Revenue's Charitable Donation Scheme and reclaim a portion of the tax paid on the donation. Please contact the office for more details.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

15th & 16th June 2024, The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 15th	**7.00pm**	Julia Connell, Kilbeg Pier, 1st Anniv. Joan Hardiman, Anniversary John Keady, Bridge St. Anniv. & his wife Teresa (Tess) Keady RIP Kathleen Keaveney, Ballinameen, Roscommon 3rd Anniversary. Nellie Joyce, Mountross, 9th Anniversary.
Sun 16th	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish Rita Dooley, Clooneen, 4th Anniversary. Private Intention
Mon 17th	**10.00am**	Thanks Giving Mass
Wed 19th	**11.00am**	Mass to celebrate the' life and history' of Muire na Dea Chomhairle NS (Headford Girls N.S.)
Fri 21st	**10.00am**	Special Intention
Sat 22nd	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Rory & Seán Scanlan, Anniversary Joe Kyne, Headford, Months Mind Thomas Paul Creaven, Birthday Rem Fr. Peter Conway P.P. Headford & Claran 152nd Anniversary
Sun 23rd	**11.30am**	Teresa Hill (neé McDonagh) Deerpark, 2nd Anniv Joe Fitzgibbon, Bridge St. 16th Anniversary

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 16th	**10.00am**	Anne Kenny, 3rd Anniversary
Tue 18th	**9.30am**	Special Intention
Wed 19th	**9.30am**	Tommy Greaney Anniversary
Sun 23rd	**10.00am**	Agnes Noone, Knocknacarra, Months Mind Michael Toher & John Keady Owerbeg, Anniv

***Priests' Summer collection** will be taken up this weekend at all masses. There is a special envelope in your offertory box or available at the back of the church. Sincere thanks for your support.*

Pastoral Council Meeting: will take place on Tuesday the 18th of June at 8pm in the Parochial House. All members please attend.

Church Noticeboards: Please contact Sharon in the parish office if you wish to put up a notice or leave any information leaflets or material in the church 093 35448.

The annual COPE Galway Church Gate collection will take place this weekend the 15th and 16th June outside St. Mary's Church. Any donations are appreciated."

Missionary Society of St Columban's is an international Catholic missionary society that crosses boundaries of culture and religion. In the countries where they work and here in Ireland, Columban Missionaries live and share the Gospel of Jesus through working with poor and exploited peoples, seeking justice and dignity for migrants and those denied their rights. Developing faith communities in the local church and promoting dialogue between Christians and those from other religions. Growing a culture of peace and advocating respect and care for the earth and the environment. **The Columbian Missionaries Appeal: *will take place in Headford and Claran churches on Saturday the 22nd and Sunday the 23rd of June.***

Day for Life': a dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life *Day for Life* Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday 16 June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: *The Lord is my shepherd - Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.*

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

Celebration of Ministries: as a Thank you for all your help throughout the year, Fr. Ray would like to invite all those who are involved in church ministries in Headford & Claran Church to join him in the Anglers Rest Hotel on Tuesday the 9th of July at 7.30pm.

Thank you to all those who came to our **Adult Faith Formation evening.** There will be another meeting on Weds June 26th at 8pm. All are welcome.

Weekly Envelopes: did you know, that if you happen to be in another church at the weekend, that if you bring your weekly envelope from Headford or Claran Parish it will find its way back to our Parish and helps towards the upkeep of your Church.

The Youth 2000 Summer Festival takes place on August 15 - 18th in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare - save the date! Join us for a weekend of festivities: talks, testimonies praise & worship, and workshops. Donation Only. Check out Youth2000.ie for more information.

Eucharistic Adoration 33 hours! Invitation to ALL PRIESTS, ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament and all PARISHIONERS IN Tuam Archdiocese to our Eucharistic Marian Shrine on **Thursday 18th July, Friday 19th July.** *Spend One Hour of the 33 Hours, watch and pray. All are Welcome.*

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 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.

'In the Footsteps of St Paul' Pilgrimage to Malta; June 26th; (a small number of places remaining) 7 nights; ex Dublin; with a Spiritual Director. For details and booking, ring 012410800.

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.

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.

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. Guidelines for collections can be found on www.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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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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