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 - 11am & 7-8pm Tues (after the 10am mass) 10.25am – 11.15am & 6.45 - 8pm and Weds (after the 10am mass) 10.25 – 11.15am in St. Mary's Church Headford

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 €1025** last weekend and in **Claran €405 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 August:
Headford Intentions of Geraldine Farrell **Claran** For the Living and Deceased of the Parish

Ministers for August Headford

Readers: **Sat 7pm** Rita O'Shea
Sun 10am: Nora D'Arcy
Sun 11.30am Sharon Joyce

Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Margaret Kyne
Sun 10am: Mary Fahy, May Kenny
Sun 11.30am Bernie Duffy

Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Siobhan Waldron & James Moran

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family relatives and friends of **Patrick Purcell,** Dublin, late of Curramore brother of Jimmy and **Thomas Lohan,** Cloughanover & USA, bother of Billy Lohan. May they rest in peace.

Feast Day: Mon 12th St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Ss Lelia and Attracta, St Muredach, **Tues 13th** Ss Pontian & Hippolytus, St. Fachtna, **Weds 14th** St Maximillian Kolbe, **Thurs 15th THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Fri 16th** St Stephen, **Sat 17th OUR LADY OF KNOCK,** St. Clare**.**



Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness come from you. In the plan of your wisdom she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Parish of Killursa & Killower

10th & 11th August 2024, The Nineteenth 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 & Claran

Sat 10th	**7.00pm**	Paddy Joyce, Months Mind Fursey O'Connor, Headford & Ennis, RIP
Sun 11th	**10.00am**	**The People of the Parish** Private Intention (Mass Card) Paddy and Mary Kyne, Mansfield, U.K, Anniv.
	11.30am	Kevin O'Connell, Tom O'Connell, Paddy Joe Connell & Andy Kenny RIP Julia & Fursey Flynn, Ower, RIP
Mon 12th	**10.00am**	Willie O'Brien, Birthday Rem.
Tue 13th	**10.00am**	Frank Gallagher, Inchquinn, Anniv
Wed 14th	**1000am**	Private Intention
	7.00pm	Fr. Christopher Sheehy, 13th Anniversary
Thur 15th	**10.00am**	Get Well Mass Birthday Intention
Fri 16th	**10.00am**	Thanksgiving Mass
Sat 17th	**10.00am**	Maureen Monaghan Anniv
	7.00pm	Aiden Concannon, Anniv Frances Martin, Gort Na Mona, Anniv Sarah O'Connor, 1st Anniversary
Sun 18th	**10.00am**	Peg Casey (nee Reddington) Slieveroe, 1st Anniv. Mary Agnes McDonagh, 3rd Anniversary.
	11.30am	Jim Donnellan, 2nd Anniv. & remembering his son Seamus Gerry Walsh, Carnakib & the decd. members of the Walsh Family. Paddy Joe Connell, Ballyfruit, 3rd Anniversary

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.

'Fan the Spark' Conference for Young Adults (18-40) Saturday August 24, 9.30am-5.30pm in Legion of Mary, Brunswik St., Dublin. Cost €15. Talks on art, faith, tour of Frank Duff House, Mass, adoration and more. To book visit www.eventbrite.ie or contact deusetpatria@gmail.com.

STATIONS: If anyone would like to host a Station Mass in their home please contact the Parish Office at 093-35448 to make the necessary arrangements.

Mountbellew Agricultural Show will be held on Sat 24 Aug in the Mountbellew Ag. College. Entries on-line. Closing date to enter is Sat 17 Aug.

Claran Church Renovation Works: Claran church is now closed and will re-open in October (date to be confirmed at a later stage). All **masses, baptisms, funerals, weddings and devotions** for Claran Church will be moved to St. Mary's Church, Headford for this duration. Sincere thanks to the late Joe and Helen O'Toole, whose generosity has made this renovation works possible. I appreciate your understanding for the inconvenience caused during these works.

Radio Maria: Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, the priest director of Radio Maria Ireland, will be taking his permanent leave to go back and serve with the Cloyne Diocese on August 17th. As his final act of ministry as the priest director of Radio Maria Ireland, in collaboration with the World Family of Radio Maria, he will be broadcasting a Rosary from the Apparition chapel, Knock on August 17th, 2024 at 9:45am. All are welcome.

Family Day takes place at Knock Shrine on Sunday, August 18th from 11am to 3pm. Outdoor games and activities for all the family. The day commences with a blessing of families in the Apparition Chapel at 11am. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details or phone 094 93 88100.

Bereavement Café co-ordinated by the Galway Hospice: The first session takes place on the 20th August at 10:30am, at The Secret Garden Café, 4 William St. Galway City. All are welcome to join.

Kylemore Abbey Retreats 2024: Iconography Dates Tutor Dr. Lucho Alvarez 4th –10th Aug, 20-26th Oct. **Centering Prayer:** Led by Dr. Anselma Dolchich-Ashley 27-29th Sept, 8-10th Nov and Led by Fiona Quinn & Lesly O'Connor 22-24th Nov. For more info contact retreats@kylemoreabbey.ie



Annual Graveyard/Cemetery Masses:
Cloughanover Cemetery will be celebrated on **Friday the 16th August @ 7.30pm**
Killursa Cemetery will be celebrated on **Sunday the 18th August at 6pm**
(All dates and times are subject to weather permitting)

'Whispering with God – How do you pray?' is the theme for this year's National Novena to Our Lady of Knock at Knock Shrine. The Novena takes place from 14 to 22 August. Daily ceremonies with guest speakers take place at Knock Basilica at 3pm and 8pm. Daily workshops at 12.45pm. See www.knockshrine.ie for full programme or phone 094 93 88100.

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.

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.

Mountbellew Agricultural Show : Dog classes entries are the only entries taken on Show Day. Great family day out. Free children's entertainment including magic shows & pony rides. Special guest Marie Carton Fashion Advisor will hold two free fashion advice classes at 12.30 pm and 2.30 pm. Well worth a visit. For more information & details on classes etc. please see our website mountbellewagrishow.ie

Coolarne Sports and Open Day 2024: will take place on Sunday 18th August @ 2pm on the grounds of Cuan Mhuire, Coolarne, Turloughmore, Co. Galway. All the usual events will take place. There will be a Wheel of Fortune with lots of prizes to be won, Arts, Crafts and Pottery, Bric-A-Brac, Plants, and lots, lots more. There will be many side shows and novelty competitions with an array of prizes to be won. Later in the afternoon there will be free children's sports for all age groups with lots of medals to be won. This is a great social event with something for all the family young and old. We look forward to seeing you al on the day. All are welcome. The Eir Code is H65 YW98

We welcome those on holidays in the area or visiting family and friends we hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing time here in the Parish of Headford and Claran.

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.

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.

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

Headford Community Employment Scheme Vacancies: must be in receipt of a social welfare payment for 12 months or more. Please contact Denise Fox @087/6778648 or email (dfox@headfordcommunity.ie).

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.

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.

Clerical Changes Announced by Archbishop Francis:
Fr. James Walsh, AP Kilmeena to retire, and the administrator of the parish, **Fr. John Kenny** to be assisted in the provision of pastoral and sacramental care by the parish priest of Newport **Fr**. **Tod Nolan.**

Fr. James Quinn AP, Crossboyne-Taugheen to retire. **Fr. Martin O'Connor PP** Kilvine (Ballindine-Irishtown) to retire. **Fr. Martin Long, PP** Louisburgh to retire
Fr. Gerard Burns PP Ross (Clonbur-Corn na Móna), to go on sabbatical leave. **Fr. Eugene O'Boyle PP** Ballinakill (Letterfrack) and ADM Inishbofin Island to go on sabbatical leave. **Fr. Seán Flynn CC** Tuam, to be PP Crossboyne and PP Kilvine.
Fr. Jose Raju, CC Castlebar, to be ADM Ballinakill and ADM Inishbofin Island. **Rev Deacon James McLoughin** to assist in Ballinakill and Inishbofin Island. **Fr Nelson Joseph,** CC Achill, to be ADM Louisburgh. **Fr. Mark Quinn,** Recenlty ordained to be CC Tuam**. Fr. Michael Tracy**,Diocese of Biloxi USA, to provide weekend service in Clonbur and Corr na Móna, while the pastoral care of the parish will be provided by priests in the Ballinrobe Deanery.
Two further appointments will shortly be made to Achill and Castlebar.
These appointments will take effect on Friday, 2nd of August. **Church**

Chime : Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Outreach clinic , Tuam.
The venue is now Clinical room R22 in the Old Health centre, Vicar St Tuam H54 HO28 Friday, July 5th 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.

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.

Jobs Alert: Tuam Archdiocese are seeking applicants for the following roles: **Diocesan Pastoral Resource Person** and **Diocesan Advisor for Second Level Post-Primary School.** For more information on both rolls please see www.headfordchurch.com or www.irishjobs.ie

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.

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.

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

Scan to Donate:

Scan to view online masses

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