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 €910** last weekend and in **Claran €465. 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 Geraldine Farrell **Claran** For the living and the deceased of the parish.

Ministers for May 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 **May McCann**, Dublin (née Monaghan) Ballyboughal, Co. Dublin formerly Headford, sister of Gabriel Monaghan, Lettera and of **Michéal Naughton**, Rostaff, Headford, Archbishop Noël Treanor, Papal Nuncio to EU Brussels. 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 19th St John Eudes, **Tues 20th** St Bernard, **Weds 21st** St. Pius X, **Thurs 22nd** Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **Fri 23rd** St. Rose of Lima, ST. Eugene, **Sat 24th** St. Bartholomew.

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.

Claran Church is closed for renovation works all Masses, devotions, funerals, baptisms, weddings etc. will take place in St. Marys Church, Headford until it reopens in October (date to be confirmed). Thank you.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

17th & 18th August 2024, Twentieth 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 17th	**7.00pm**	*Aiden Concannon, Anniv* *Frances Martin, Gort Na Mona, Anniv* *Sarah O'Connor, 1st Anniversary*
Sun 18th	**10.00am**	Peg Casey (née 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
Mon 19th	**10.00am**	John Burke, Castleview, Anniv.
Tues 20th	**10.00am**	Special Intention
Wed 21st	**10.00am**	Judith Ann O'Donnell, 8th Anniversary
Fri 23rd	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 24th	**10.00am**	Peter Kelly, Moycullen, RIP
	7.00pm	Michael & Thomas Newell, Annaghkeen, Anniversary Eamonn Boyle, Claremorris, RIP Willie Duddy, Anniversary
Sun 25th	**10.00am**	Kitty Lee, 3rd Anniversary Patsy Walsh, Millpark & the decd. of the Walsh & Murphy Families.
	11.30am	Christy O'Connor, Knockroon, Anniversary Honor McDonagh, Anniversary

Below is the wording for the new plaque that was installed in St. Mary's Church, Headford last week. Thank you to all who donated so generously.

A WORD OF SINCERE THANKS

This plaque is dedicated to all who generously donated towards the renovation fundraiser appeal 2021.

A special acknowledgement to the late Mamie McDonagh, 'Teach Arainn' Eallagh, Headford, who bequeathed her entire estate to St. Mary's Church, Headford which made it possible to complete all the necessary works to this church.

Sincere thanks to you all, may the Lord reward all your generosity towards this place of worship.

Fr. Ray Flaherty P.P.

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.

'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.

Sean Chàirde returns on 6th September in St. Fursey 's hall Headford. ***Hours 11.15 -2pm.*** For more info or to book a place on the free bus, contact Solas Resource Centre 093 36446 or Bridget Hynes 087 6271962. Sean Chàirde is a group for older people, over 55yrs. We are a lively group with all kinds of activities. Games, dancing, singing. We also have guest speakers & information days. *Sean Chàirde would like to thank all the loyal volunteers without them Sean Chàirde wouldn't be so successful.*

Annual Graveyard/Cemetery Masses: Killursa Cemetery will be celebrated on Sunday the 18th August at 6pm (weather permitting).

Stations Mass: If anyone would like to host a stations mass in their home please contact the Parish Office at 093 35448.

The Latin Mass Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Sat Sept 7th, commencing with a sung Latin Mass at 2pm, followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction. The Mass will be in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. **The next monthly Mass** takes place on Sun Sept. 8that 6pm.

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland 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 8 - 10 November 2024 Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare Online booking only: www.marriageencounter.ie

2025 Jubilee Year – Holy Year – Tuam Diocesan Italian Shrines Pilgrimage: 27th June - 3rd July. (6 nights). Flights: Dublin/Rome/Dublin with 20kg. Three nights Hotel Frate Sole , Assisi (half board) Visits to Loreto & Lanciano. 3 nights in Rome Hotel Aurelia B & B. Full Religious Programme. €1199 per person (sharing). ***Early booking is advised to avail of the quoted rate. Contact 01 2410800.***

ANAM CARA ONLINE Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 3rd of September at 7pm. Our guest speaker for this month's talk is Bryan Nolan. Bryan has an M.A .Healthcare Chaplaincy DCU , Certified Healthcare Chaplain, End of Life and Grief and loss specialist, Training and facilitation expert?

Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots 20th -28th September in Headford Church @ 7pm each evening. *The speakers this year are Archbishop Francis Duffy, Lisa Russell, Fr. Richard Gibbons, Sr. Agnes Curley, Fr. Frank Downes, Fr. Terrence Harrington, Marian O'Shaughnessy, Fr. Mark Quinn & Monica Morley. Should anyone wish to put their name forward to help* ***please contact Sharon in the Parish Office 093 35448.***

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**