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 €825** last weekend and in **Claran €555. 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 September: Headford Intentions of the Fadden Family **Claran** Intentions of Bridie Reddington.

Ministers for September Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Fintan O'Malley
Sun 10am: Breda Joyce
Sun 11.30am Ina Curran
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Donnacha Roche
Sun 10am: Helena Hastings, Marina Lee
Sun 11.30am Ina Curran
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Siobhan Waldron & James Moran

Feast Days: Mon 9th St. Ciaran, St. Peter Claver, **Tues 10th** St. Nicholas da Tollentino, **Weds 11th** St. Deiniol, **Thurs 12th** The Most Holy Name of Mary, St. Ailbe, **Fri 13th** St. John Chrysostom, **Sat 14th THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**.

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.

Priests Autumn Collection which goes towards the upkeep of the priests of the parish will be taken up at all masses on **Sunday the 15th** of September. There is a special envelope in your box of envelopes. If you do not have a box and would like one please contact the parish office. There are also special envelopes at the church doors if wish to use one. Thank you for your continued support.

Silent Retreat: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by: Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charit in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo on October 14th to 20th 2024 **Cost**: €540 full board **Contact**: Helen : 086 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com, www.foyerofcharity.ie.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

7th& 8th September 2024, Twenty-Third 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 7th	**7.00pm**	Michael Boyle, Boston, Months Mind Michael Hynes, 6th Anniv. and the decd. of the Hynes family. T.J. Keady & Maureen Healy, Birthday Rem. & Dermot Keady RIP
Sun 8th	**10.00am** **11.30am**	Paddy Joyce, Knocklahard, RIP Private Intention The People of the Parish Mick McAuley, Kilroe, 22nd Anniversary John O'Connor, High Street, Anniversary
Mon 9th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Tues 10th	**10.00am**	Paddy O'Brien RIP (Mass Card)
Wed 11th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Fri 13th	**10.00am**	Catherine (Cass) Newell (née Lee) RIP
Sat 14th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Teresa O'Mahony RIP (Mass Card) Thomas Paul Creaven, Anniversary Margaret Corbett, Bridge Street, 3rd Anniversary & all the decd. of the Corbett family. Josephine Duffy, 1st Anniversary Frank & Helen Ryder, Anniversary
Sun 15th	**10.00am** **11.30am**	Michael, John and Sara and all the decd. of the Lee Family, Annakeen. The People of the Parish Charles & Julie O'Connor, The Square, Anniv. Private Intention

Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots 20th -28th September in Headford Church starts at 7.00pm each evening (except on Saturday which starts at 6.45pm) Rosary followed by mass each evening.

Friday 20th @ 7.00pm	***Archbishop Francis Duffy***
Saturday 21st @ 6.45pm	***Lisa Russell***
Sunday 22nd @ 7.00pm	***Fr. Mark Quinn***
Monday 23rd @ 7.00pm	***Sr Agnes Curley***
Tuesday 24th @ 7.00pm	***Fr. Terence Harrington***
Wednesday 25th @ 7.00pm	***Fr. Frank Downes***
Thursday 26th @ 7.00pm	***Marian O'Shaughnessy***
Friday 27th @ 7.00pm	***Fr. Richard Gibbons***
Saturday 28th @ 6.45pm	***Monica Morley***

A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS: Please continue to pray for vocations to the Priesthood and please continue to pray for priests!
"Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus! Amen" Our Lady, Mother of Priests Pray for us!

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust would like to thank all those that contributed and collected during our recent 'church gate' collection. The total received between August 3rd & 4th was €676.16.

GRETB Headford: New part time Day courses commencing soon in Healthcare – QQI Level 5 Infection Prevention and Control and Care Skills. For more information or to register phone 093 39778.

Altar Candles for 2025 are available now available please contact the parish office to secure the month you would like.

First Holy Communion: there will be an enrolment evening for the parents of First Holy Communion children on Wednesday the 18th of September at 7pm in Headford Church. **If your child was Baptised outside of the parish, please bring a photocopy of their Baptism Cert.** If you cannot attend on the night, please contact the parish office before Monay Sept 16th to organise enrolment. Only parents need attend.

Adult Faith Formation Sessions St. Mary's Parish House, Headford Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. These Inquiry sessions are suitable for adults who want to refresh their own Faith, for adults who are considering joining the Catholic Faith community or adults seeking to join a church to call their own. It's an opportunity for us to accompany one another on our Faith Journey. For more information, please contact Sharon, Parish Office 093 35448 or just show up H91PXH5.

ALPHA COURSE: an 11-week free course starting on Tuesday, 17th Sep at 6pm. Alpha is a series exploring the basics of the Christian faith, where you get to ask all the questions you ever wanted to ask. The course will be hosted at *An Tobar Nua* café in Galway. For more information email:scriptureschool@antobarnua.com

There will be No Adoration in Headford Church on Monday 9th, Tuesday 10th at 7pm. Adoration will resume the following week.

Headford And District Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 19 September at 8.30pm in the Anglers Rest Hotel. The meeting is open to all. Please come along.

Women's Health Day: Solas Family Resource Centre is organising a **FREE WOMEN'S HEALTH DAY** on **Wednesday 11th September** 2024 in St Fursa's Hall Headford from 10am – 2pm.

Kilcoona Scouts, based near Headford, is celebrating its 25th Anniversary on 14th September 2024. They are hosting a Family Fun day from 12pm to 4pm and they would love to invite everyone from near and far to join them for a Free BBQ, Scouting demonstrations, Craft Experience, Family Fun games , Face painting and lots more. To confirm numbers , please get yourself , your family and friends a free ticket at kilcoona.com . They look forward to seeing you there.

Pope Francis' Intentions for September: For the cry of the Earth We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

HISTORICAL SGK (Shrule Glencorrib Kilroe) – HERITAGE WEEK CELEBRATION – 3 Events
On Wednesday 11th September 2024 @ 8pm at Shrule Community Centre. Keynote Talk: Presented by Dr. Jessica Cooke
"Was Turlough Mór O'Connor Crowned King of Connacht at Shrule in 1106?"

Book Launch: Launch of "Shrule Village at the turn of the Century" by Monica Murphy, Mocollogan, Shrule native Monica Murphy's new book, "Shrule Village at the Turn of the Century" is a labour of love, chronicling the life, families and times of Shrule village during a transformative period in the 1900s.

Community Project Presentation: Led by Martin Ryan - "The Field Name Project: Mapping Our Heritage" This initiative has been a remarkable success, bringing together history enthusiasts from both within and beyond our parish. The project aims to preserve the names and stories associated with the fields and the townlands of our area. Followed by refreshments. Admission is free. Tel: Kevin 086-3782156 or Martin 085-8595085. Facebook: Historical SGK"

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

2025 Jubilee Year – Holy Year – Tuam Diocesan Italian Shrines Pilgrimage: 27th June - 3rd July Flights: Dublin/Rome. Full Religious Programme. €1199 per person (sharing). ***Early booking is advised to avail of the quoted rate. Contact 01 2410800.***

Shrule's ancient abbey. Come along to Shrule community centre on September 11th at 8:00 pm for an interesting presentation by Dr. Jessica Cooke regarding Shrule's ancient abbey and it's importance more than 1000 years ago . . .

East Galway Speakers Open Night - Guests are very welcome to attend free of charge in person on Monday 9th September at Comworks, Loughrea, at 8 pm or online by registering on Zoom – East Galway Speakers East Galway Speakers can help with interviews, presentation skills and wedding and social speeches. 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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**