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 Mission Sunday** €900 last weekend and in **Claran Mission Sunday** €450**. 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 November: Headford Intentions of the Newell Family, Oaklands **Claran** Intentions of the Halloran Family.

Ministers for November Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Pat Duddy
Sun 10am: Stephanie Cahill
Sun 11.30am: Mary McHugh
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Fahy, Bernie Sweeney
Sun 10am: Marian Creaven, Mary Fahy
Sun 11.30am John & Mary McHugh
Baskets: Sat 7pm Sun 11.30 Andy Curran, Redmond Newell.

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Marina Walsh,** Roscahill, sister of Geraldine Mannion Clydagh, **Tom Hackett, Headford & Newcastle,** brother of John Hackett, Cordarra. **Sarah Ellerbeck** Churchfields, Shrule and **Fr. Jeremiah (Tony) Neville,** Recess, Co. Galway and formerly of Tralee, Co. Kerry. May they rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 28th SS Simon and Jude Apostles, Tues 29th St. Colman, St. Abraham of Rostor, **Weds 30th** St. Alphonsus Rodiguez, **Thurs 31st** St Wolfgang, **Fri 1st ALL SAINTS**, **Sat 2nd The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (ALL SOULS).**

Claran Church Renovations are almost complete. The church will reopen on November 10th for 10am Mass. Devotions, masses, etc. for Claran Parish will resume in Claran Church after this date.

Lebanon Collection: Thank you to all who donated during our Healing Mass to St. Charbel this week. Your generosity raised €670, if anyone would like to donation feel free to pop it in an envelope marked Lebanon Appeal and drop it into the office or through the Parochial House door.

Latin Mass will take place at 6pm, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine, on Sunday November 10.

Parish Office: Sharon will be away next week returning Nov 4th, there will be limited cover in the office 093 35448.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

26th & 27th October 2024, Thirtieth 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 26th	**7.00pm**	Thomas & Mary Nohilly, Cordara & all the decd. members of the Nohilly Family Seán O'Connor, Kilroe, 14th Anniversary Tom Monaghan, Galway Rd. Anniversary Kevin Joyce, Birthday Remembrance
Sun 27th	**10.00am** **11.30am**	The People of the Parish Thomas Hyland, 2nd Anniversary and all the decd. of the Hyland Family. Thomas & Patricia O 'Rafferty, Anniversary Thomas, Breeda & Mary Audley, Liss, Anniversary Nuala and Derek Morgan, RIP
Mon 28th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Tue 29th	**10.00am**	John O'Halloran, Kilcoona, Anniversary
Wed 30th	**10.00am**	Tommy Mannion RIP (Mass Card)
Fri 1st November	**10.00am All Saints**	Special Intention
Sat 2nd	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Novena Mass (1) Mamie Murphy Months Mind Mary Scally Months Mind Declan Scally Months Mind Marion Varden, Tuam, 1st Anniversary Christopher Scally 24th Anniv. Cora Nolan (née Scally) 20th Anniv. Geraldine Scally 14th Anniv. John Joe Connor Anniversary. Mary & Jim Bane, Keernaun, Anniversary
Sun 3rd	**10.00am** **11.30am**	The People of the Parish Ken and Tom Kyne and the decd. of the Kyne Family. Fr. Charlie O'Connor, Months Mind Laurence Martin, Gort na Mona, Anniv. Martin & Annie Hardiman, Cloughanover, Anniv. Ray Joyce 1st Anniversary & all the decd. of the family Logawannia Monica McDonnell RIP Sarah Hardiman, Lisheenagheeha, Anniv, her husband Thomas & the decd. members of the family. Brian O'Reilly, Deerpark, 3rd Anniversary.

Altar Candles for 2025 are available now available please contact the parish office.

'Never be in a hurry. Do everything quietly and in calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset'. *St. Francis De Sales*

November Mini Vigil for the Holy Souls at Knock Shrine takes place on Friday, November 1st from 9pm to Midnight in the Parish Church. Confessions will be available in the Chapel of Reconciliation from 8pm to 9pm. All are welcome.
November: Month of the Holy Souls: Special Envelopes are now available at the church doors for names of deceased relatives and friends which you would have included in our Nine-day Novena of masses which will take place on November 2nd. We especially remember all who have died in our parish the past year and are registered in the parish register: *Ray Joyce Adare/Loggawannia 01/11/2023, Lily Geraghty High St. 24/11/2023, Mary Hackett Kilkenny/Cordarra 29/01/2024, William O'Toole Cloononaghaun 03/02/2024, Paddy O'Brien Galway Rd.19/02/2024, Mark Hayes Shrule 22/02/2024, Nora Ann Fearn Carnakib 23/02/2024, Bridie Corbett Balrickard 03/03/2024, Mary Daveron Inchiquin 03/03/2024, Susan Steed The Square19/03/2023, Dolly Carrol California/Annakeen 07/02/2024, Sara Carrol California 29/11/2023, John Divilly main St. 05/05/2024, Joe Kyne Main Street 22/05/2024, Paddy Joyce Knocklahard 01/07/2024, Thomas Mannion Loggawannia 03/07/2024, Eileen Walsh Carnakib 26/08/2024, Mamie Murphy Kilbeg 11/09/2024, Mary Scally Ballyhale 20/09/2024, Fr. Charlie O'Connor St. Mary's Rd. 04/10/2024.* ***Blessed candles with their names will be lit on the Altar during the month of November. At the end of the month a family member may take home the candle.***

New Pastoral Council for Headford/Claran Parish 2024 to 2027: - We are looking for nominees who will go forward for election to the new pastoral council for a 3-year term. These nominees must be over 18yrs of age and a practicing catholic. The new pastoral council will consist of 8 members, 4 from Headford and 4 from Claran plus the parish priest. **Each Church area has been divided into two subsections as listed on the ballot paper. Pink Ballot papers for Claran and purple for Headford. Please return by Sunday the 30th of November 2024.**

First Friday Call to the sick and housebound will take place on Friday the 1st of November in the Claran Area & Monday the 4th of November Headford town and surrounding areas.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Friday 1st of November 9-10am Headford Church, followed by Mass.
First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima: Sat. the 2nd of Nov. 9-10am Headford Church, Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass.

Adult Faith Formation Sessions will continue every Wednesday in Headford Parochial House from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. 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.

Whisper With God – Silent Retreat takes place on Saturday, November 2nd at Knock Prayer Centre. Participants will be guided through moments of scripture-based prayer, group sharing, and personal spiritual guidance. Price: €70 including refreshments and lunch. For more information, contact John Farrelly, Prayer Guides Coordinator at Knock Shrine. Telephone 086 0108623 or email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie

Altar Society Meeting will take place on Tuesday the 5th of November at 8pm. Members and those who would like to learn about the Altar Society are very welcome.

Talk on the life of St. Martin De Porres followed by veneration of St. Martin's first class relics immediately after, on his feast day. All are welcome. Venue: St. Cronan's Church Balla. Time: Sunday Nov 3rd 5:30pm. Sponsored byThe Knights of St. Columbanus.

Celebration of Marriage Anniversaries Mass: in Tuam Cathedral on Sunday, 17 November 2024 at 3.00 p.m. Parishioners celebrating a significant marriage anniversary, and members of their families, are invited to attend. Refreshments after Mass in St. Jarlath's College. It is important for names and numbers to be sent to TUAM PARISH as soon as possible, please - info@tuamparish.com or call 093 24250.

Chy3 Charity Donations Scheme: Thank you to all who support the Parish through this scheme. We have now entered a new cycle with this donation scheme and all forms (enduring certs) need to be resubmitted to the revenue commissioners. They are available at the front of the Altar, and at all exit doors of the church. Please take one and drop it back to the parish office or pop it in the collection basket at your earliest convenience.
It's still not too late to sign up. Please consider doing so as it is a substantial income for our Parish, 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 093 35448. Again, sincere Thanks to you all for continued support.
The Youth 2000 Connaught autumn retreat will take place in the College of the Immaculate Conception, Summerhill in Sligo town on the weekend of November 8th to 10th. Join us for talks, testimonies & workshops. Donation only, bring a sleeping bag! For more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email connaught@youth2000.ie

Meals4Health a Social Enterprise of COPE Galway are looking for volunteers to deliver meals to their customers on Thursday mornings across Galway City or County area? Please contact 091 354000 for details.

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.***

Fundraising Concert in Aid of Cuan Mhuire Treatment Centre, Athenry: Country Legend's come to the Clayton Galway on Thursday 21st November 2024 starting Sabrina Fallon, Effie Neil, Ray Lynam , Sandy Kelly, Marc Roberts, Trudi Lalor, Johnny Carroll, PJ Murrihy, Claire Dillon, Patsy Fallon & The Fallon Family. Doors open at 6.30pm, Show starts at 7.30pm. Tickets can be purchased from Cuan Mhuire or on www.eventrite.ie or directly from the Clayton Hotel. Tickets €30.

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**.**

Altar Servers: If your child would like to become an Altar Server and has made their First Holy Communion, please contact Sharon in the Parish Office 093 35448 or drop into the Sacristy after mass to obtain the registration forms.

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.

Tús Opportunities: Galway Rural Development has a number of part-time administration and other vacancies now available. Supported by the Tús programme: if you are a year or more on a Jobseeker's payment and would like to contribute to a charity or community group in your locality, then this is your chance. Placements are for 12-18 months with pay and PRSI contributions recorded. Completion of the Tús programme provides future employers with evidence of work experience, training, a reference, and a CV. For more information, contact GRD's Tús team at 087 9335477 or email tusadmin@grd.ie.

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.

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