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** €1320 last weekend and in **Claran** €360**. 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 October:
Headford Special Intention **Claran** O'Shaughnessy family Int.

Ministers for October Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Deirdre King
Sun 10am: Helen O'Neill
Sun 11.30am Amanda O'Connell
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Fahy, Bernie Sweeney
Sun 10am: Mary Gillon Nessa Cosgrove
Sun 11.30am Maura Moran, Mary McHugh
Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh, Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Andy Curran & Redmond Newell

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Declan Scally,** Cloonleenaun, Annaghdown, brother of Betty Sweeney, Ballyhale, **Fr. Charlie O'Connor,** St. Mary's Road & U.S.A. May they rest in peace.

Feast Days: Sat 5th St. Faustina Kowalska, **Mon 7th** Our Lady of the Rosary, **Tues 8th** St. Keyne, **Weds 9th** St. John Henry Newman, Ss Denis, bishop and companion martyrs, St. John Leonardi, **Thurs 10th** St. Paulinus of York, **Fri 11th** St. Canice (Kenneth), S. John XXIII, St Deiniol, **Sat 12th** St. Wilfrid.

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 Nov. (date to be confirmed).

Open Evening High Cross College Tuam: (H54 C260) on Thursday the 10th of October. Registration at 5.30pm and 7.00pm followed by Principal's Address and tours.

Congratulations to Karol O'Connell OSB who has been elected the twentieth Abbess of Kylemore Abbey. Abbess Karol begins immediately her twelve-year term of office as leader of the monastic community of fifteen Benedictine nuns. Abbess Karol's Abbatial Blessing will take place on November 5th, 2024, in the Monastic Church of Kylemore Abbey.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

5th & 6th October 2024, Twenty-Seventh 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 5th	**7.00pm**	Kieran Gleeson, Cong Road, Alister Patterson, 2nd Anniversary Vicent Fadden 6th Anniv & deceased members of the Fadden and Collins Family. Michael Walsh, Carrowbeg, 5th Anniv
Sun 6th	**10.00am**	***"Do this in Memory" Mass*** Paddy Hogan RIP (Mass Card)
	11.30am	***"Do this in Memory" Mass*** Pat Kenny, Moyne Bridge, Anniv & the decd. of the Kenny family. Mamie McDonagh, Crosswood, Anniversary John Forde, The Neale, RIP Eithne Harris, USA, RIP
Mon 7th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Tues 8th	**10.00am**	Jim Dwyer, New York, 4th Anniversary
Wed 9th	**10.00am**	Mary & Paddy Kyne Anniversary *– Celebrant Fr. John Kyne*
Fri 11th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 12th	**10.00am**	Patrick Lynch RIP
	7.00pm	James Concannon, Anniv. & the decd. of the family. Teresa (Tess) & John Keady, Bridge Street, Anniv. Paddy Purcell, Curramore, RIP. Marty Lee, Farran, 10th Anniversary.
Sun 13th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Nancy Higgins & Martha Glynn, 2nd Anniversary John Joe & Nora Lee, Carnakib, Anniversary & the decd. of the Lee family.
	11.30am	James Monaghan, Anniversary Maida & Kee's Schalks, Anniversary Mark Hayes, RIP Mary Thornton, Crosswood, 8th Anniversary

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.

Pastoral Council: Sincere thanks to all outgoing members of the Pastoral Council for your time and commitment over the last 3 years. We will begin the process of electing a new pastoral council in the coming weeks. If there is anyone who wishes to put their name forward, please contact the parish office. **Our final meeting of the current pastoral council will take place on Monday the 7th of October at 7.00pm in the Priests House.**

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.

A Churchgate Collection: for Headford Environment Group, will take place on 5th and 6th October, the proceeds will go towards our events, activities and projects in and around the town of Headford.

Welcome To the family - Exploring the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Monday evenings from October 7th to December 2nd from 8pm to 9.15pm in Knock Prayer Centre. A series of talks by Fr. Eugene Duffy, exploring the meaning and importance of the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. For more information on this free series, see www.knockshrine.ie.

The Tuam Cancer Care, Survivors Celebration fundraising walk, is taking place on Sunday 20th October, 2pm, in the Palace Grounds Tuam. For more information or to register please log onto www.tuamcancercare.ie/survivorscelebrationwalk or call the Centre on 093 28522.

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

Mindfulness and Gentle Movement: Join us at Solas Family Resource Centre in Headford for Mindfulness and Gentle Movement. Oct 16th at 10.30am. If you have any questions, please stop by or phone 093 36446.

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.

Pope Francis' Intentions for October: For A Shared Mission
Let us pray that the Church continues to sustain a synodal lifestyle in every way, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, communion and mission shared by priests, religious and laity.

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**.**

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