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** €1465 last weekend and in **Claran** €585**. 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: Nora Darcy **Sun 11.30am:** Mary McHugh
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Fahy, Bernie Sweeney
Sun 10am: Marian Creaven, Carmel O'Malley **Sun 11.30am** John & Mary McHugh **Baskets:** Sun 11.30 Andy Curran, Redmond Newell.

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Dominick Johnston (Snr.) Cavan,** brother of Paul Johnston, Luggawannia. **Jim Kent,** Ballinasloe (father of James Kent, Ashthorn Avenue and grandfather of Aaron Kent (alter server in Headford). **Maureen Walsh,** Park Corrandulla, Sister of Ann Kelly. May they rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, **Tues 19th** St. Mechtilde, **Weds 20th** St Edmund, **Thurs 21st** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, Fri 22nd** St. Cecilia, **Sat 23rd** St. Columban, St. Clement I.

The next Latin Mass will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Knock, on Sunday December 8, at 6pm.

Christmas Triduum Cards: are now available to buy in the Parish office. €3 per card or 5 for €10. **Christmas Candles** also available at €5 each or 5 for €20.

Tús: 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 please contact Galway Rural Development 087 9335477 or email tusadmin@grd.ie

Blessed Carlo Acutis: A Mass for all the Youth will be held in St. Mary's Church, Claran, Monday Dec 9th @ 7.00pm followed by a blessing with the First Class Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. All are Welcome.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

16th & 17th November 2024, Thirty 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 16th	**7.00pm**	Sarah Byrne, Teresa Molloy, Sorcha Rose McLoughlin, Marie Stepanie Connely RIP Intentions of Michelle O'Donnell Sarah's Grandparents Denny & Sal Murphy, Cordarra, RIP Frank & Peggy Lee, Culleen, RIP
Sun 17th	**11.30am**	Margaret Fahy Lettera, 3rd Anniv. Josephine Flannagan (Mass Card) Jim and Mary McDonagh, Windfort, Anniversary Mattie Scales Birthday Remembrance
Mon 18th	**10.00am**	John and Margaret Burke, Gort Na Mona Anniv. Headford Woman's group
Fri 22nd	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 23rd	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Private Intention Gerard Concannon Anniversary & the decd. of the Concannon Family. Bridie Lee, Anniv, Ger and Josie Lee, Culleen, RIP and Joe Lee. Paul and Sheila Mannion, Anniversary Stella & Billy Howard, Castleview, Anniversary
Sun 24th	**11.30am**	Lily Geraghty, High Street, 1st Anniversary Mike McDonagh, St. Louis & Ballyconlought, 25th Anniv. Michael Murphy, Rockhill & the decd. members of the Murphy family. Private Intention

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 17th	**10.00am**	Richard & Maureen Joyce & the decd. members of the Joyce family, Ballyfruit. Edward Keary, Ryhill, Anniversary.
Tues 19th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Weds 20th	**9.30am**	Margaret & Paddy Kenny, Anniversary
Thurs 21st	**9.30am**	Fr. Patrick Ryan P.P. 145th Anniversary
Sun 24th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Tom & Mamie Murphy, Kilbeg, RIP

Headford Community Theatre Production of 'The Country Boy' takes place in St. Fursa's Hall on the 28th 29th & 30th of Nov & Dec 1st. Tickets available at the door or call 089 2526465 to prebook or check Eventbrite for online booking.

Come Away and Rest Awhile (Mark 6:13) Retreats at Kylemore Abbey: More information at retreats@kylemoreabbey.com

Flower Arranging Demonstration organised by the Altar Societies of Headford & Claran churches will take place in St. Fursey's Hall (Kitchen) on Thursday 21st of November at 7pm. Talk and demonstration by Angela Coyne. This is open to anyone who may have an interest in flower arranging.

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.**

Cloughanover Cemetery Committee are holding a card game on Sunday Nov 24th at 7pm in Cloughanover Community Centre for the upkeep & maintenance of the Cemetery. Your support is appreciated.

25 Card Drive in Claran Community Centre on Sunday 17th November at 7pm in aid of Headford/Claran Senior Citizens Christmas Party and Claran ICA. Tickets €5.00. Your support would be much appreciated.

Adult Faith Formation Sessions will continue every Wednesday in Headford Parochial House from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, please contact Sharon, Parish Office 093 35448 or just show up H91PXH5.

Week of Witness/Red Wednesday some 360 million Christians live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith? Each year the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Ireland – which supports some 6,000 communities in 140 countries – highlights their plight during the 'Week of Witness' (Nov. 17-24). Red Wednesday (Nov. 20) is the highlight of the week, and Catholics are urged to keep the suffering Church in their prayers in a special way. You can find out more on www.acnireland.org

Cuan Mhuire's Annual Christmas Craft Fair is on Sunday 17th Nov. in the Sr Consilio Centre in Coolarne, Turloughmore. Cuan Mhuire's Craft Shop will be open from Sunday 17th November from 11am to 4pm until Christmas Eve.

Annual Church Gate Collection: For Solas Family Resource Centre will take place on the 23rd and 24th Nov. Monies raised will help provide essential services and programs in the community such as Counselling, Play Therapy, Meals on Wheels, Dementia Café and many more. Your support will be much appreciated.

Introduction to the Scriptures with Fr. Benny McHale. Would you like to better understand the scriptures when they are read at Mass? To help people get a better grasp of how they might speak to us in our daily lives, Holy Land expert Fr Benny McHale will provide a four-night introduction to St. Luke's Gospel which is the Church's Gospel for next year. No previous knowledge is needed – all you have to do is bring a copy of the Bible with you (if you do not have a copy, one will be provided). This programme is free of charge. Dates: 19th and 26th of Nov and Dec 3rd and 10th in St Johns Welcome Centre from 8pm – 10pm.

'MIDWINTER MELODIES' – a stunning concert of seasonal music by candlelight in St Muredach's Cathedral on Fri. Nov 29th at 8pm. Hosted by former RTE newsreader Eileen Dunne with guest artist Eurovision winner Eimear Quinn, St Muredach's Cathedral Choir & St Mary's Secondary School Choir. This concert sold out previously so don't miss out! Tickets €30 available online at www.ballinaparish.org. Physical tickets on sale at the parish office 9am-5pm. All proceeds go St Muredach's Cathedral Restoration project.

Pope Franics Prayer Intentions for November: For Those Who Have Lost A Child: Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**

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.

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