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** €1015 last weekend and in **Claran** €425**. 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 Rita O'Shea
Sun 10am: Helena Hastings
Sun 11.30am: Sharon Joyce
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Fahy
Sun 10am: Tom Darcy, May Kenny
Sun 11.30am Siobhan Waldon,
Baskets: Sat 7pm Mary Fahy & Declan McDonagh
Sun 11.30 James Moran & Siobhan Waldron

As a parish community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of **Michael (Mickey) Greaney,** Kilbeg, brother of Liam Greaney and Brother in law of Ann Greaney, Knocklahard. **Phyllis Mullin, Omagh, mother of** Martina Murphy, church organist in Claran & **Mary Corbett,** Main St. May they rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 25th St. Catherine of Alexandrai, St. Colman of Cloyne, St. Clement I, **Tues 26th** St. Leonard, Bl James Alberione, **Weds 27th** St. Fergal, **Thurs 28th** St. Catherine Laboure, **Fri 29th** St. Brendan of Birr, **Sat 30th** St Andrew.

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.

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 Office: Sharon will be away on Monday the 25th & Tues 26th of Nov. there will be limited cover in the parish office.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

23rd & 24th November 2024, Thirty Fourth 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 23rd	**7.00pm**	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
Mon 25th	**10.00am**	Ger Flanagan, Ballyconlought, RIP and his parents Margaret & Joe, Main Street.
Fri 29th	**10.00am**	Private Intention
Sat 30th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	The deceased members of the O'Malley family. The deceased members of the Halvey family.
Sun 1st Dec	**11.30am**	The People of the Parish Willie O'Brien, Anniversary Jack McDonagh, Crosswood, Anniversary Thanksgiving mass for the birth of Sijon, from his parents Savio and Renju.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 24th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Tom & Mamie Murphy, Kilbeg, RIP
Tues 26th	**9.30am**	Paddy Joyce, Knocklahard, RIP
Weds 27th	**9.30am**	Sr. Doretta Egan RIP (Mass Card)
Sun 1st Dec	**10.00am**	Helen (Nellie) O'Toole, 11th Anniversary & Bernadette Devlin, RIP Thomas & Rita Creaven & the decd. of the Creaven family.

The Lebanon Appeal which was recently taken up raised €1000 and was gratefully received by the ACN (Aid to the Church in Need) – a Holy Mass will be offered for all of your intentions.

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.

Annual Christmas Craft Fair in Campbells Tavern on Sunday Dec 8th at 12pm. Feast your senses on Local Christmas Crafts. For more info contact Sharon on 087 1508277. All are Welcome.

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.**

Learn to Play 25 - A Beginner's Card Game Night! In Clydagh N.S. Mondays, 8:15 PM - 9:15 PM (Commencing: 25th November.) No card experience? No problem! This friendly and fun event is perfect for beginners and intermediate players looking to learn or improve their skills. No fee required – just bring your enthusiasm! Age: Over 18s only. information, call 085 751 64 68. **Join us and enjoy a relaxing evening of cards and camaraderie!**

Last weeks Flower Arranging Demonstration had to be postponed: New date is Thurs the 28th of Nov at 7pm in the New Meeting room behind the parochial house. **There are a limited number of places so please let the parish office know if you would like to attend email before Weds 27th info@headfordchurch.com spaces on a first come first served basis.**

Northeast Galway Windfarm Action Alliance will be holding a public meeting with Galway East General Election candidates on Monday 25th November, in the Ard Rí Hotel, Tuam at 8:30pm. All welcome.

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.

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.

Annual Church Gate Collection: For Solas Family Resource Centre will take place this weekend the 23rd and 24th Nov. Your support will be much appreciated.

'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 December: For pilgrims of hope
We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Headford Further Education & Training Centre (GRETB): Free Computers & Smartphones for Beginners starting soon (every Wednesday) Phone Amanda 093 34746 Eircode H91 DD29.

Altar Candles for 2025 there are still a few available please contact the parish office 093 35448.

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.

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