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 and Tues 6.45 - 8pm in **St. Mary's Church Headford**
Tues 10-11am, Weds 10-11am and Thurs 6-7pm
St. Mary's Church, Claran.

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** €822 last weekend and in **Claran** €490**. 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 December: Headford Private Intention **Claran**: Chris & Mike Egan & their son Noel, Curramore RIP

Ministers for December Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Rita O'Shea
Sun 10am: Helena Hastings
Sun 11.30am: Sharon Joyce
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Fahy, Bernie Sweeney
Sun 10am: Tom Darcy, May Kenny
Sun 11.30am Siobhan Waldon, Ina Curran
Baskets: Sat 7pm Mary Fahy & Declan McDonagh **Sun 11.30** James Moran & Siobhan Waldron

We **the parish community** of Headford and Claran, offer our deepest sympathies and remember in our prayers Nora O'Malley, The Square. May she rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 16th St. Adelaide, St. John Roberts, **Tues 17th** St. Florian, **Weds 18th** St. Flannan, **Thurs 19th** St. Anastasius I, **Fri 20th** St. Eugene, St. Fachanan, **Sat 21st** St Peter Canisius.

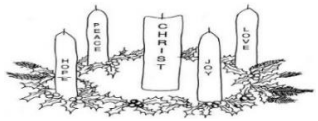
Christmas Triduum Cards: are now available to buy in the Parish office. €3 per card or 5 for €10. The Triduum of Masses will be as follows: **Claran Church on *Mon 23rd of Dec*** at 10am and in Headford Church on ***Tues 24th of Dec*** (Christmas Eve) at 9pm and Headford Church on **Weds 25th Dec at 8.30am (Christmas Day) Christmas Candles** also available at €5 each or 5 for €20.

Christmas Penitential Service: for Headford, Claran & surrounding Parishes on Monday the 16th of December at 7.30pm in Headford Church.

Confessions: Headford Sat 21st Dec10.30am & Tues 24th Dec at 12pm Claran Church Mon 23rd Dec 10.30am.

The next Latin Mass takes place on January 12, in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Knock on Sunday January 12, at 6pm.

Parish of Killursa & Killower



14th & 15th December 2024, Third Sunday of Advent
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 14th	**7.00pm**	Mickey Greaney, Kilbeg, Months Mind. Lucy O'Brien, 12th Anniversary Sarah O'Halloran (Hardiman) 2nd Anniversary Mathias Keady & Family, Anniv. Ower Patrick Stankard, 6th Anniv. & Margaret 4th Anniv.
Sun 15th	**11.30am**	'Do this in Memory' Mass Nonie & Tommy Rea & the decd. of the family Mary & Joe Walsh, Curramore, Anniv. Jim & Mary McDonagh, Windfort, Anniv. Jim Hynes, Crosswood Anniv, Matt & Bridie McDonagh, Crosswood RIP.
Mon 16th	**10.00am** **7.30pm**	Mary Jo O'Sullivan RIP Penitential Service
Fri 20th	**10.00am**	Deirdre Joyce, Anniversary
Sat 21st	**10.00am** **10.30am** **7.00pm**	The Decd. Members of the O'Reilly Family Confessions Mary Corbett, Main St. Months Mind Luan McCaul 9th Anniversary Tom Murphy, 4th Anniversary & his wife Mamie Murphy & the decd. of the Murphy Family
Sun 22nd	**11.30am**	Mary Biggins, 4th Anniversary RIP Private Intention

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 15th	**10.00am**	'Do this in Memory' Mass John Lydon, Slieveroe, 12th Anniversary Joyce Family, Carnakib & Holloran Family. John & Winifred Langan, Ned & Kathleen Joyce.
Tues 17th	**9.30am**	Private Intentions
Weds 18th	**9.30am**	The Holy Souls
Sun 22nd	**10.00am**	Paul O'Toole and the decd. members of the O'Toole family. Special Intention

Church Gate Collections: Anyone looking to organise a collection at the church gates must get a Garda Permit and notify the parish office in advance. It is advisable to check the date with the Parish office as collections are not recommended on certain dates e.g. Christmas, Easter…

Offertory Envelopes for 2025 can be collected from the front of the church after each mass. If you cannot find your box or you have not received one previously and would like to please contact the parish office. If you would like to donate online, please email info@headfordchurch.com and we will send you our bank details. Thank you to all who contribute.

Christmas Calls to the sick and the housebound: 18th of December Claran area, 19th December Headford Surrounding Area, 20th Dec. Headford Town.

Claran ICA would like to thank, most sincerely, all who attended our recent Senior Citizens Christmas Party, which was held on 1st December 2024, in Claran Community Centre. A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all. Thanks to Sarah Catering, Tommy & Francis for the music, all our Sponsors and all who donated prizes or goodies, which helped in making the day so enjoyable. We would also like to give a special word of thanks to all our volunteers for your continued support and help on the day. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas & Healthy New Year.

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

Adult Faith Formation: There will be no session on the 18th & 25th of Dec, nor the 1st of Jan. Sessions will return after the Christmas period on the 8th of January in the new meeting room behind the parochial house. All are welcome.

Sensory-Friendly Mass at Knock Shrine takes place in the **Parish Church at Knock Shrine** on **Sunday December 22nd at 12:15pm.** This Mass will have no music, dimmed lighting, and pictorial resources for those with additional needs. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy. Contact Nicola Mitchell for more information at faithrenewal@knockshrine or 094-9388100.

'The Longest Night' Service at Knock Shrine for those who feel isolated from the general feelings of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. This service seeks to bring comfort by reminding us that we are not alone and that there is always hope in Christ. It takes place in the **Apparition Chapel on the 21st of December at 8:30pm**. All are welcome.

'Carols by Candlelight' takes place at Knock Basilica on Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 8pm. Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and festive favourites. All are welcome.

i4Life Ireland & Zambia team, we would like to extend our deepest gratitude for your attendance and participation in the recent fashion show in the Angler's Rest. The funds raised were €4,364.37 on the night. With a generous donation from O'Toole's SuperValu, Tuam of €10,000. This money will continue to provide essential Primary Health Care services to over 80,000 people living in extenuating circumstances in Linda Township, Lusaka, Zambia. We are truly grateful to all the businesses who generously gave their time, support and spot prizes. To all of our local models, we so appreciate your time, effort and support. Muara & i4life Team.

Glencorrib Kilroe Community Sports field Christmas Card Game takes place on Wednesday next 18th December at 8.30pm at Glencorrib Community Centre. Six generous hampers for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winners plus raffle prizes, spot prizes, table prizes, etc. All are welcome. Thank you for your support.

Christmas market and 'live crib' at Turlough Park There will be a Christmas market and live crib in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm this Sunday, 15 December. The market will feature local and regional makers and artists. The live crib display is with Kiltimagh Pet Farm. There is also some festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling. Admission is free. See www.museum.ie for further details.

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

Headford Lace Project Christmas Cards: in Aid of Ability West Headford Hub on Sale in local outlets. €5 per pack of 4.

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!**

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.

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.

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.

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