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** €1061 last weekend and in **Claran** €615**. 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 Jennifer McGrath (Née Kelly), Sandybanks, Headford, John Heffernan, Bushypark, brother of Nora Darcy Carnakib. May they rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 23rd St. John of Kanty, **Tues 24th** Ss Irmina and Adela, **Weds 25th** THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, **Thurs 26th** St. Stephen, the first Martyr, **Fri 27th** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, **Sat 28th** THE HOLY INNOCENTS.

Confessions: Headford Tues 24th Dec at 12pm and 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.

The Fourth Week of Advent: Our final days of preparation before Christmas, we ask Christ to forgive us our sins ad through his grace to create anew when he comes. This week is also a time to reflect on our Advent journey. **The Fourth Candle the "Candle of Peace"** reminds us that **Jesus comes to bring Peace to the world and to people's hearts**. Without Christ, there is no peace in this world. Isaiah prophetically foretold, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given.

Parish of Killursa & Killower



21st & 22nd December 2024, Fourth Sunday of Advent
Fr. Ray Flaherty PP – 35448 info@headfordchurch.com
Website: www.headfordchurch.com Online Streaming on Churchtv.ie/headford, churchtv.ie/claran or Headford Parish on Facebook

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Headford & Claran

Sat 21st	**7.00pm**	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**	The People of the Parish 'Mary Biggins, 4th Anniversary RIP Private Intention.
Mon 23rd	**10.00am**	Mass moved to Claran Church
Tues 24th	**12.00pm** **9.00pm**	Confessions Christmas Vigil – Triduum (2)
Wed 25th	**8.30am** **11.30am**	Triduum (3) Margaret O'Brien Anniversary Jackie Steed Anniv. Susan and Patricia Steed & the decd. of the family.
Fri 27th	**10.00am**	No Mass
Sat 28th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	James and Ann Fitzgibbon, High Street, Anniversary Eamon Keady, Headford, Anniversary
Sun 29th	**11.30am**	May Corbett, MainSt. 10th Anniversary Michéal Forde, Keernaun, 3rd Anniversary

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 22nd	**10.00am**	Paul O'Toole and the decd. of the O'Toole Family Special Intention
Mon 23rd	**10.00am**	Triduum Mass (1) Confessions after Mass
Tues 24th	**7.00pm**	The People of the Parish
Weds 25th	**10.00am**	Sean Daveron RIP 6th Anniversary Wiktoria Kubaczyk, RIP
Sun 29th	**10.00am**	Margaret & Michael Lee, Carnakib, Anniversary Mark Holloran, Claran, RIP

25 card game Cloughanover Community Centre Sunday 22nd of Dec at 7pm in aid Corrandulla ploughing



Christmas Dues: which go toward the priests of the parish will be collected at all masses on Christmas Eve/Day. There are spare envelopes at the back of the church for those that do not have an offertory box. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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.

P.C.H. 50th REUNION: All past pupils who attended P.C.H. from 1969 – 1974 (1st Yr – Leaving Cert.) please take note. Past Pupils Reunion to take place on Friday, February 7th 2025, to celebrate a 50th reunion. For details and further information please contact
Lourda on 086 1626518

EADA proudly presents: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs - A Children's Pantomime" on 12 January 2025 in Headford Hall. Showtimes: 3:00 PM & 6:00 PM. Tickets: Adults €12.50 | Kids €7.50 Bring the whole family for a magical afternoon of fun, laughter, and adventure! ✨ Get your tickets NOW on Eventbrite.

Archbishop Francis will open the Jubilee Year of Hope at the annual Mass for Peace in Tuam Cathedral on Wednesday 1st January 2025, at noon. In his letter "Hope does not Disappoint", introducing the Jubilee of Hope, Pope Francis writes "The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation".

One of the features of the Jubilee of Year of Hope is an emphasis on popular piety, such as places of pilgrimage and wayside shrines, both strongly associated with this diocese. In addition, there are local shrines, patterns, holy wells, Knock, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick and of course our churches, prayers and practices. May we experience the joy of being 'pilgrims of hope' during the coming year.

Choirs at Turlough Park: Enjoy some Christmas carols and other choral pieces at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, on Sunday, 22 December. The Cill Aodain Choral Society will perform at 2.15pm and the Mayo Male Voice Choir will perform at 3pm. There is also a 'live crib' display in the Courtyard with Kiltimagh Pet Farm. Admission free. No booking required. See museum.ie for further details.

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.

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…

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.

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!**

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