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** €785 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

Feast Days: Mon 9th The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tues 10th St. John Roberts, Our Lady of Loreto, **Weds 11th** St. Damasus I, **Thurs 12th Our** Lady of Guadalupe, St. Finnian, **Fri 13th** St. Lucy, **Sat 14th** St. John of the Cross.

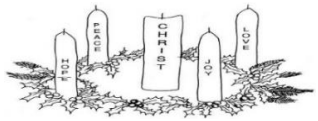
Christmas Triduum Cards: are now available to buy in the Parish office. €3 per card or 5 for €10. The Triduum of Masses will be as follows: Claran Church on ***Mon 23rd of Dec*** at 10am and in Headford Church on ***Tues 24th of Dec*** (Christmas Eve) at 9pm and Headford Church on **Weds 25th Dec at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

We **the parish community** of Headford and Claran, offer our deepest sympathies and remember in our prayers Willie Thornton, Crosswood and Christy Kilgarriff, Ballyconlought. May they rest in peace.

Parish of Killursa & Killower



7th & 8th December 2024, Second 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 7th	**7.00pm**	The decd. members of the Halvey family, Gort na Mona. Pat & Eileen Audley, Liss, 11th Anniv. Liam Flynn, Birthday Remembrance Gabriel and Nellie Joyce, 19th Anniv. Mountross,
Sun 8th	**11.30am**	Mary & Michael O'Connor & the decd. of the O'Connor Family. Joe Concannon, 3rd Anniv. & decd. members of the Concannon and Morrin families. Padraic Halloran, Anniv. Ballycolgan Anne & Mick McGowan, RIP Leitrim.
Mon 9th	**10.00am**	Pat & Mary Newell, Anniv. Nora & Michael Kyne RIP Ballymana.
Fri 13th	**10.00am**	Mamie McDonagh, Eallagh, Birthday Remembrance
Sat 14th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Joe, Mary & May Kyne, Culleen, Anniversary 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.

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 8th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	The People of the Parish Chris & Michael Egan, RIP & their son Noel Egan RIP Tom Flynn RIP & Sr. Dorretta Egan RIP **An Advent Reflection**
Mon 9th	**7.00pm**	Mass for the Youth followed by a blessing with the first-class relic of Carlo Acutis
Tues 10th	**9.30am**	Micheál Naughton RIP Mass Card
Weds 11th	**9.30am**	Tom & Mamie Murphy Kilbeg, RIP
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.

Blessed Carlo Acutis: Mass of the youth 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.

Offertory Envelopes for the coming year 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 towards the upkeep of our churches.

Clydagh National School Presents "Elf": Join us at Clydagh National School for a delightful performance of Elf on Thursday, 12th December, at 6:30 PM. This family-friendly event is free to attend. Complimentary tea, coffee, and refreshments will be provided, and there will be an exciting raffle on the night.

Claran Christmas Concert: Wednesday 11th & Thursday 12th December @ 6.30pm. Tickets on sale now from school office, €10 each. **We warmly welcome you to share in the festive spirit with us!**

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…

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

Christmas Party Tea Dance: SMA Fathers Hall Claregalway Sunday 15th Dec 3-6pm Music by Blue Magic: Sandra and Mike. Fundraising in Aid of Galway Hospice. Tickets €10.00, Spot prizes to be won.

An Advent reflection will take place in Claran church on Sunday 8th Dec at 7pm. All are welcome. Take time to ponder and reflect, as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

Annual Church Gate Collection: The Headford branch of Vincent De Paul will be holding their annual church gate collection this weekend Funds raised locally will be spent locally. Your support is much appreciated. Our phone No is 087 172 7873

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 for Claran church please contact the parish office 093 35448.

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

Glór na Róba Choir Ballinrobe: Christmas Charity Concert on Sunday 15th December at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Ballinrobe in support of Mayo Cancer.

Christmas market at Turlough Park There will be a Christmas market in the Courtyard at the National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Castlebar, from 1pm to 5pm on Sunday, 15 December. The market will feature local and regional makers and artists, including candles, calligraphy, art, cards, textiles and more. There will also be a live crib display with Kiltimagh Pet Farm and festive storytelling with Fiona Dowling. See www.museum.ie for further details.

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.

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