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** €1345 last weekend and in **Claran** €470**. 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 January:
Headford Special Intention **Claran**: Intentions of the Darcy family

Ministers for January Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Deirdre King
Sun 10am: Breda Joyce
Sun 11.30am: Amanda O'Connell
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Mary Margaret Kyne, Mary Fahy
Sun 10am: Mary Fahy, Helena Hastings
Sun 11.30am Mary McHugh
Baskets: Sat 7pm Mary Fahy, Declan McDonagh
Sun 11.30am Andy Curran, Redmond Newell.

We **the parish community** of Headford and Claran, offer our deepest sympathies and remember in our prayers **Patrick (Pat) Heneghan**, Donnybrook, Dublin and formerly of Headford. Uncle to Frank Heneghan, Eallagh Est **and The Very Rev. Fr. Donal Morris** Diocese of Elphin, Parish Priest of Kilbegnet and Glinsk. May they rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 20th St Fabian, St. Sebastian, **Tues 21st** St. Agnes, **Weds 22nd** St. Vincent, **Thurs 23rd** St. John the Almsgiver, **Fri 24th** St. Francis de Sales, **Sat 25th Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.**

Pope Francis Intentions For the month of January: For a right to an education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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

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

Pray as though everything depended on God. St. Augustine

Parish of Killursa & Killower

18th & 19th January 2025, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 18th	**7.00pm**	Peter & Julia Dowd & Mamie Nolan, Clooneen, Helen & Frank Ryder, Anniversary Mattie Scales, Raffee, 4th Anniversary
Sun 19th	**11.30am**	'Do this in Memory Mass' The People of the Parish John Cloonan, Keernaun, Anniversary James & Annie Kearns, St. Mary's Road, Anniv.
Mon 20th	**9.30am**	Teresa Keane (née Creaven) High St. RIP
Fri 24th	**10.00am**	Mick Duffy RIP (Mass Card)
Sat 25th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Maureen Healy (née Keady) Roscam & Ower 2nd Anniversary John Martyn, Keernaun, 8th Anniversary
Sun 26th	**11.30am**	Frances O'Reilly, Deerpark, Months Mind Mary Hackett, 1st Anniversary – Kilkenny & Cordarra Pauline Pulley (née Kearns), Bedford formerly St. Mary's Road RIP Private Intention

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 19th	**10.00am**	'Do this in Memory Mass' Roddy Greaney, Anniversary Henry and Helen Conneely, Rinnaknock, Anniv. Margaret Molloy RIP Birthday Remembrance
Tues 21st	**9.30am**	Cass Newell RIP (Mass Card)
Weds 22nd	**9.30am**	The decd. of the O'Donoghue and Harrington Families.
Sun 26th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Noel Egan, Curramore 4th Anniv & his parents Michael & Chris Egan, Curramore, 5th Anniversaries.

First Confessions: for all the children making their first holy communion in May will take place on Wednesday the 22nd of January in each of the schools.

Clydagh Toddler Group Monthly Gathering at Clydagh N.S. Starting Saturday, 25th January from 3-4 PM. Join us for a chat, a cup of tea or coffee, and the chance to meet other parents while toddlers enjoy some playtime together.

Clydagh N.S. will be accepting enrolments for Junior Infants and all other classes for the school year 2025/2026. Open Day for all incoming pupils and parents/guardians on Wednesday the 5th February @ 1.00 pm. For further information, please contact the school office by email at clydaghnsoffice@gmail.com or phone 093-35868.

Cloughanover NS: Enrolments now open for Infants starting September 2025. Closing date for enrolments is February 19th. An open morning will be held after Easter. Enrolment forms are available by emailing cloughanoverschool@gmail.com For further information please contact the school at 093 35315.

Headford Primary School will be accepting enrolments for Junior Infants and all other classes for the school year 2025/2026 from 08/01/25. Closing date for enrolment applications is 19/02/25. Enrolment Forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the school website www.headfordns.ie. Open Day for all incoming pupils and parents/guardians on Wed the 29th January from 2.45 to 4pm in the school. For further information please contact the school office by email at info@headfordns.ie or phone 093-35377.

Claran National School open day for Junior Infant children 2025 will be held on Friday January 31st @ 2pm. The onsite full day care childcare facility Coill na nÓg open day is also on Friday January 31st from 11am to 3pm. All are welcome on the day or by appointment there after!

A sensory friendly Mass takes place at Knock Shrine on Sunday, 26 January at 12.30pm in the Parish Church. This Mass will have no music, subdued lighting, and pictorial resources for those with additional needs. Sensory friendly Masses will take place at 12.30pm on the last Sunday of each month throughout the year. All are welcome. Contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine or 094-9388100.

Celebrate St. Brigid's Day at Knock Shrine from 11am to 3.30pm on Saturday, February 1st. The flame of St. Brigid will be present on the day, courtesy of the Brigidine Sisters, Kildare. Programme includes a global pause for peace at 12 noon, a blessing for those named after St. Brigid, contemplative prayer walk and an exploration of Brigidine spirituality. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

Bus Escort Required From Caherlistrane to Claran National School (H91 Y443) for further information, please contact; office@clarannationalschool.ie anytime but before noon on January 20th 2025.

Adult Faith Formation: sessions take place every Wednesday in the new meeting room behind the parochial house 7.30 – 9pm. These enquiry sessions are suitable for adults who want to refresh their own Fatih, for adults who are considering joining the Catholic Faith community or adults seeking to join a church to call their own. It's an opportunity for us to accompany one another on our Faith journey. For more information, please contact the parish office 093 35448 or just show up. All are welcome.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue … or have you just stopped because it only makes it worse? Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about the next programme which will be presented on Zoom …*27 February to 2 March 2025.* Email:info@retrouvaille.org.uk Call or text 0788 7296983
www.retrouvaille.org.uk

The Catechism Cafe presents 'Faith in a Faithless World': an evening of talks, panel discussion and Q&A. Guest speakers include Ronan Mullen (Seanad Eireann), Ben Scallan (Gript Media), Ciaran Clarke (MMA fighter) and Clodagh Gallagher (Aid to the Church in need). Light refreshments and pizza on the night. Friday the 31st January, 7.30pm, St. John's Centre, Knock Shrine. All 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

Moveable Feasts in 2025/26

	2025	2026
Ash Wednesday	5th March	18th Feb
Good Friday	18th April	3rd April
Easter Sunday	20th April	5th April
Ascension	1st June	17th May
Pentecost	8th June	24th May
Trinity	15th June	31st May
Corpus Christi	22nd June	7th June
First Sunday of Advent	30th November	29th November

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 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…

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.

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.

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.

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.