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** €1145 last weekend and in **Claran** €500**. 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 February: **Headford** Intentions of the Creaven & Sommers families **Claran**: Intentions of the Greaney family, Carheens

Ministers for February Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Fintan O'Malley
Sun 10am: Josie O'Malley
Sun 11.30am:
Ministers of the Eucharist:
Sat. 7pm: Eamon Walsh
Sun 10am: Martina Lee & Marian Creaven
Sun 11.30am
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 **Paul (PJ) Creaven,** Caherlistrane**.** May he rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 27th St. Angela Merici, **Tues 28th** St. Thomas Aquinas, **Weds 29th** St. Gildas the Wise, **Thurs 30th** St. Aidan, **Fri 31st** St. John Bosco, **Sat 1st** St. Brigid.

First Friday Novena to the Sacred Heart & Divine Mercy Chaplet: Friday the 7th Feb 9-10am in Headford Church.

First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima: Saturday the 1st of February 9-10am in Headford Church, Rosary & Fatima Prayers followed by Mass.

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

Pastoral Council Dec 2024-Dec2027
Thank you to everyone who voted and contributed towards the selection of the new Parish Pastoral Council. From the names put forward the below have accepted to their nominations.
Claran Church: Michelle Kenny, Martin Langan, Helena Hastings & Alan Daveron. **Headford Church:** Deirdre King, John Devlin, Mary Fahy & Tom Corbett.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

25th & 26th January 2025, The Third 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 25th	**7.00pm**	John Martyn, Keernaun, 8th Anniversary Private Intention
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
Mon 27th	**9.30am**	John Kyne, Ross, Anniversary
Fri 31st	**10.00am**	Private Intention Michael & Nora Kyne, Ballymana, RIP
Sat 1st	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Ann Kirby, Dublin, Birthday Remembrance Maureen Day, Deerpark, Anniversary Tony Durkin, Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass
Sun 2nd	**11.30am**	Thomas & Julia Walsh, RIP and their sons Tommy, James and Michael Walsh RIP

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 26th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Noel Egan, Curramore 4th Anniv & his parents Michael & Chris Egan, Curramore, 5th Anniversaries.
Tues 28th	**9.30am**	John Fahy 29th Anniv. Mary Fahy 4th Anniv & their son Patrick Fahy, 2nd Anniversary
Weds 29th	**9.30am**	Private Intention
Sun 2nd	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Willie O'Toole, Cloononaghaun, 1st Anniv. Tom & Mamie Murphy, Kilbeg Pier RIP Mickey Greaney, RIP (Mass Card)

A Big Congratulations to the children in second class Headford Primary School, Claran National School and Cloughanover National School who made their first Confession this week.

First Friday Calls to the sick and the housebound: Mon 27th of Jan Claran Area, Tues 28th Jan Headford surrounding area, Fri 31st Jan Headford Town.

Clydagh N.S. will be accepting enrolments for the school year 2025/2026. Open Day for all incoming pupils and parents/guardians on Wednesday the 5th February @ 1.00 pm. For more info email clydaghnsoffice@gmail.com or phone 093-35868.

Cloughanover NS: Enrolments for September 2025 open until February 19th. An open morning will be held after Easter. Enrolment forms are available by emailing cloughanoverschool@gmail.com For more info call 093 35315.

Marisa's Lupica Prayer

O Lord, in all that I do and in all that happens, let me never lose hope. Let me never think that you have forsaken me. Let me never think that meaning is gone from my life.

Whatever may be, let me trust that you are with me. Whatever may be, let me not turn away from You, as you do not turn away from me.

Although your ways are mysterious, May I believe that your ways will always lead me to the place I ought to be. Let me understand enough of the trail that I may trust and follow you, wherever that trail may go. Amen.

St. Brigid's Crosses will be available to collect next week from both churches.

Headford Primary School will be accepting enrolments for the school year 2025/2026 up until the 19/02/25. Forms available from the school office or downloaded from www.headfordns.ie. Open Day for all incoming pupils and parents/guardians on Wed the 29th Jan 2.45 to 4pm in the school. For more info email 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!

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.

Whisper of God' One day retreat takes place in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Saturday, February 8th. Participants will be guided through moments of scripture-based prayer, group sharing, and personal spiritual guidance. For more info, contact John Farrelly, Prayer Guides Coordinator at Knock Shrine. Tel: 086 0108623 email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie.

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St. Patrick's Day parade Fundraiser Card drive at Cloughanover Community Centre! Starts at 7pm-9:30pm. This is one of our annual fundraisers, and all proceeds will go towns St. Patrick's Day parade!

Headford Further Education & Training Center (GRETB)
NEW CLASSES SNA Level 5 Starting 10th Feb, Safety & Health at Work Starting 5th Feb, Free Computers & Smartphone Classes every Wednesday www.fetchcourses.ie Phone Amanda 093 34746 Eircode H91 DD29

East Galway Speakers' next meeting, Monday 27th January, Comworks, Loughrea, H62 VN56, 8 pm. Alternatively register online to receive a Zoom link at http://www.eastgalwayspeakers.com/zoom. Overcome nervousness and a lack of confidence when speaking at work or socially.

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.