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** €780 last weekend and in **Claran** €360**. 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 **Teresa Keane (née Creaven),** Maree, Oranmore, and formerly of High Street, Headford and **Michael Kyne,** formerly of Ballyconlought, husband of Bridie McDonagh, who died in England on November 23rd. **Chris Doherty,** Bermingham and formerly of Cordarra, Headford. May they rest in peace.

Feast Days: Mon 6th January The Epiphany of the Lord, Tues 7th St. Raymond of Penyafort, **Weds 8th** St. Thorfinn, **Thurs 9th** St Adrian of Canterbury, **Fri 10th** St. Peter Orseolo, **Sat 11th** St. Silvanus of Amiens.



Loving God, bless this household and all who enter. May we, and they, be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and seek to do your will.

Parish of Killursa & Killower



4th & 5th January 2025, Second Sunday of Christmas
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 4th	**7.00pm**	Baby Ellen Marie Egan, 3rd Anniv. Peter Meenaghan, Luimnagh, 6th Anniv. Jimmy Flaherty Birthday Intention Pierce & Jack Langan, Remembrance Mass
Sun 5th	**11.30am**	Mary Joyce, 2nd Anniv & her husband Kevin RIP Tom Hardiman, Cloughanover, Anniv Bridie & Michael Hannon, Crosswood, Anniv John Joe and Margaret O'Connor, Galway Rd. Anniv
Mon 6th	**10.00am**	Francis Flaherty & the decd. of the Flaherty family.
Fri 10th	**10.00am**	Fr. John Keely, Dublin RIP (Mass Card)
Sat 11th	**10.00am** **7.00pm**	Sr. Philomena Noone, RIP Padraic Murray, Ballyhale Michael & Bridget Curran, Ballycolgan, Anniv. John Biggins, 9th Anniv, Mary 4th Anniv. Patrick & Margaret Kyne, Ross & the decd. members of the family. Eddie Murphy & the decd. members of the Molloy & Murphy families, Rockhill
Sun 12th	**11.30am**	Jenny McGrath, Months Mind Tom Flynn, Cong Road, 5th Anniversary Seámus Donnellan, 9th Anniv. & his Dad Jim Rip

Mass Intentions for St. Mary's Church, Claran

Sun 5th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Margaret & Peter Wolfe, Cloonkeely
Mon 6th	**7.00pm**	Paddy Purcell RIP (Mass Card)
Tues 7th	**9.30am**	Mary Joyce, Headford Birthday Remembrance
Weds 8th	**9.30am**	Paddy Joyce RIP (Mass Card)
Sun 12th	**10.00am**	The People of the Parish Henry, Margaret & Joe Murphy Anniversary

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…

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.

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.

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

Adult Faith Formation: Sessions will return on the 8th of January in the new meeting room behind the parochial house H91PXH5. 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.

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.

East Galway Speakers' Open Night - Become more confident in job interviews, delivering presentations and social speeches. Guests very welcome on Monday 13th January, Comworks, Loughrea, H62 VN56, 8 pm or online at http://www.eastgalwayspeakers.com/zoom.

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.

A sincere word of thanks to all who supported the priest's collection on Christmas Day and at the other collections throughout the year. Your continued support is very much appreciated.

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.

"***The soul is God and God is in the soul.***
God is closer to us than water is to a fish".
St. Catherine of Siena

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.

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!**

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

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.

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.