

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 am – 11am & 7-8pm Tues 7-8pm St. Mary's Church Headford Tue 10-11am Weds 10am-11am and Thurs 6pm-7pm St. Marys 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 €925** last weekend and in **Claran €420**. 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 March:
Headford Special Intention **Claran** Ann O'Toole and family

Ministers for March Headford
Readers: Sat 7pm Rita O'Shea
Sun 11.30am Ina Curran

Ministers of the Eucharist: Sat. 7pm
Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** Ina Curran

Baskets: Sat 7pm Declan McDonagh,
Mary Fahy **Sun 11.30am** James Moran,
Siobhan Waldron

Minsters for March Claran

Readers: Sun 10am: Stephanie Cahill
Ministers of the Eucharist: Sun 10am:
Mary Fahy, Carmel O'Malley Kenny.

As a Parish Community we offer our sincere sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Mary Smith Hammerton, nee Keleghan, Dublin, Co. Down and formerly Headford (sister of Teresa & Mark). Bridget Lee, Ballycurran, Headford and Mattie Wall, Castlegar (Brother-in-law of Michael Moran, Cloughanover) May they rest in peace.

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 Mass and 1 for weekday masses and we ask that you be understanding if your preferred date is not available.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis, from Ireland West (Knock) Airport, 6 nights, Friday August 30th to Thursday, Sept 5th, 2024. For details and booking, please contact 01-2410800.

COPE Galway's Annual Church Gate collection is taking place in Headford on the weekend of the 15th and 16th June. They are appealing for volunteers to help with the running of it. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ciara at COPE Galway on 0858006481.

Parish of Killursa & Killower

13th & 14th April 2024, *Third Sunday of Easter*

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

Sat 13 th	7.00pm	Mary Daveron, Inchiquin, Months Mind Kathleen Murray, Ballyhale, 1 st Anniversary & her husband Matt Anniversary.
Sun 14 th	11.30am	The People of the Parish Tom Nohilly, Castlevew & the decd. members of the Nohilly & Broderick Family, Joe Fitzgibbons, Bridge St. Birthday Rememb Pat & Mary Margaret Joyce, Carrowbeg, Anniv.
Mon 15 th	10.00am	The Purcell Family
Fri 19 th	10.00am	Mary Kinnevey RIP (Mass Card)
Sat 20 th	10.00am	Peter Ryder RIP (Mass Card)
	7.00pm	John King, Crossaun, 3 rd Anniversary Joe Gleeson, Bridge St. Anniversary Kees Schalks, Maida Schalks, Anniversary Michael Corbett Ross, & the decd. members of the Corbett & Kilcoyne family.
Sun 21 st	11.30am	'Do this in Memory' Mass The People of the Parish Barbara Mulry, Crosswood, 1 st Anniversary The Decd. members of the Kyne and Lally family, Cloughanover, Cahernaheena.

Mass Intentions for Claran, St. Marys Church, Claran

Sun 14 th	10.00am	Kathleen Keady RIP and the decd. members of the Keady Family. Cormac and David Lee, Carnakib & the decd. of the Lee Family. Sr. Teresa Lee England, RIP, Birthday Remembrance
Tue 16 th	9.30am	Carmel O'Donoghue, Claran, 2 nd Anniversary.
Wed 17 th	9.30am	John Molloy, Ower, Anniversary
Sun 21 st	10.00am	'Do this in Memory' Mass Brigid Greaney Lee, 2 nd Anniversary Tom & Teresa Keville, Carheens, Anniversary Carmel O'Donoghue, Claran, 2 nd Anniversary Richard Molloy and his parents Richard & Margaret Molloy, RIP.

Feast Days: Tues 15th St. Pateronus, **Weds 16th** St. Bernadette Soubirous, **Thurs 17th** St. Stephen Harding, St. Robert, **Fri 18th** St. Laserian, **Fri 19th** St Fortunata, **Sat 20th** St. Beuno.

Proposed Renovations at Claran Church: Suitably qualified contractors interested in quoting for the above works are invited to contact Patrick J Newell, Consulting Engineers at info@newelleng.ie or 093 35641 in order to obtain documentation.

Church Gate Collections: Anyone looking to organise a church gate collection must get a permit from An Garda Síochána and notify the parish office in advance. It is advisable to check the date with the Parish office first as collections are not recommended on certain dates. Guidelines for collections can be found on www.headfordchurch.com.

Trocaire Boxes can be left into the sacristy after mass or dropped into the Parish Office (10am – 2pm). **Thank you to all who have donated.** Last year our parish raised **€2900**. The total amount (including ours) for the Diocese of Tuam was **€280,716.53**.

Multi-Cultural Event Solas Family Resource Centre are organising a multi-cultural event celebrating diversity in our community taking place on Saturday 13th April in St Fursa's Hall, Headford. It will take place between 2-4pm and we are inviting everyone to bring a dish from their culture/country of origin to share. There will also be live music and children's activities. It promises to be a lovely event and to show that we are stronger together and there is unity in diversity.

Knockroon National School Scrap Metal Collection Fundraiser, takes place on Saturday April 20th in Caherlistrane GAA Grounds 9.30 to 4pm. Contact 086 8450533 for enquiries or if you need items to be collected. Support greatly appreciated.

Hi, my name is Paul Stafford and I am the Volunteer Support Officer for **ALONE** and your local community. I am looking for volunteers in Galway and Mayo and its surrounding areas for older people who need befriending for one hour per week and/or telephone support for 2 hours per week. Our befriending program is designed to help older people combat loneliness and isolation. We need your help more than ever.

If this is something that interests you, then please reach out to me on 086 0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or follow the link <https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>

Dunmore Amateur Dramatic Society (DADS) are delighted to take Faith Healer to The Mall Theatre in Tuam. The group has qualified for both the All Ireland and Ulster Drama Finals. See this awarding winning cast of Ollie Turner, Eleanor Sheridan and Martin Silke, in The Mall Theatre Tuam, Sat 13th April at 8p.m. Tickets available www.eventbrite.ie.

Facing The Future Together – Synodality Explored' is a two-day conference, in association with Notre Dame University, Australia. Keynote speaker on both days will be **Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops**. The conference will take place at St John's Centre, Knock Shrine on Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th from 10am to 4pm. All are welcome. No booking required. Free event. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

Tuam Cancer Care will be holding their Annual Church Gate Collection on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th of April. We greatly appreciate your support.

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock led by Archbishop Duffy will take place on Sunday, May 5th with the Sacrament of the Sick at 2.30. Mass will commence at 3pm.

VAKS PROGRAMME: Knock Youth Ministry are now accepting applications for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine). This programme is open to TY, 5th and 6th year to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! It is a particularly exciting opportunity this year as we launch our new state of the art Youth Village this summer! For further information please check out our website www.knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knock-shrine or you can contact us on 094 9375321 or youthministry@knockshrine.

Volunteer Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist & Offertory Basket Collectors needed. If you have any questions Fr. Ray would love to speak to you any day after mass or contact the office 093 35448.

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.

Claran Church Renovation 2024: we are now accepting tenders for the restoration works that are to be carried out in Claran Church this summer: - Roof works, painting, electrical and flooring. Those who would like to express an interest or would like more information please contact the Parish Office 093 35448 or info@headfordchurch.com.

Solas Family Support Drop-in Clinic: in conjunction with Tusla and Foróige 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.

Chy3 Charity Donations Scheme: Thanks to all who have returned forms. It's still not too late to sign up. Please consider doing so as it is a substantial income for the church, 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 also the forms are available at the Church doors.

For those who would like to donate weekly/monthly, please see Bank details below. Please put your name or box number in the reference section and contact the office to let Sharon know that you will not need a new box of envelopes for 2024.

Bank details are as follows: **A/c Name: Headford Church:** BIC BOFIE2D IBAN Details IE27 BOFI 9038 7528 9740 34

A/c Name: Claran Church: BIC BOFIE2D IBAN Details IE62 BOFI 9038 7528 9727 25.

You can also contribute online by going to Churchtv.ie/Headford and the same for Claran Church.

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.

Archdiocese of Tuam, Pilgrimage to Fatima: with Spiritual Director; May 9th to 16th 2024; 7 nights; ex Dublin; discount for early bookings. Contact 012410800.

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Corofin Medjugorje Pilgrimage 5th – 12th June 2024. €845. Spiritual director Fr Ciaran Blake. Lead by Dymphna Glynn. Direct flights to Mostar-Medjugorje. Call Dymphna 085 8197155 or Marian pilgrimages 01 878 8159.

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**

Meals4Health - Galway – Delivers Fresh Delicious Affordable Meals to your door suited to the specific dietary requirements of the older person. Supporting Independent living in the comfort of your home Phone 091354000 for more information or visit www.meals4health.ie

Knock Youth Leadership Programme aims to provide participants with the skills and knowledge to volunteer/work within their Parish to provide a fun and safe space for young people to gather and explore their faith. Participants will receive two certificates on completion of the programme - A certificate in Youth Ministry (accredited by Queens University), and a certificate in Youth work/Youth Ministry Skills (accredited by The Open College, NI). This programme is free of charge and starting on September 30th. If you are interested in participating, please contact Knock Youth Ministry on youthministry@knockshrine.ie or call 09493753231.

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. Freephone 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](http://www.knockshrine.ie). 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.

Chy3 Charity Donations Scheme: Thanks to all who have returned forms. It's still not too late to sign up. Only requirements are you need to be donating €250.00 or more to the Church in each calendar year. Please consider doing so as it is a substantial income for the church, 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 also the forms are available at the Church doors please feel free to take one fill it up and return to office. Thanks to all who have signed up to the scheme so far.

Mass Bookings: Please note that due to high volume of mass bookings, we would strongly advise to allow two to three months in advance for booking anniversary masses so you can get the dates you would like. Also Please note that mass times can change at any time, so it is advisable to watch out for the newsletter weekly.

Moveable Feasts in 2024/25

	2024	2025
Ash Wednesday	14 th Feb	5 th March
Good Friday	29 th March	18 th April
Easter Sunday	31 st March	20 th April
Ascension	12 th May	29 th April
Pentecost	19 th May	8 th June
Trinity	26 th May	15 th June
Corpus Christi	2 nd June	22 nd June
First Sunday of Advent	1 st December	30 th November