



Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS WISHES & THANK YOU

West Wicklow Community Employment CLG would like to wish all our CE participants located in Kiltegan, Tynock, High Park, Baltinglass, Rathdangan & Knockananna a very Happy Christmas & all the best for 2026. Thank you so much to each & everyone of you for all the great work which you do in our communities.

Madunkey's Expands with New Dinner & Sunday Lunch!

Baltinglass Golf Club

Madunkey's Restaurant @ The Golf Club is adding even more reasons to visit, with new Friday & Saturday dinner service and a relaxed Sunday lunch starting this month.



Under the new hours:

Wed: 10:00am–4:00pm

Thu & Fri: 11am–3pm (Dinner Fri from 5pm)

Sat: 9am–5pm (Dinner from 5pm)

Sun: Sunday Lunch 10am–4pm



Owner **John Fitzpatrick** says the update focuses on "quality time, great food, and good company."

For bookings, call **085 1249678**. Madunkey's thanks all its loyal guests and looks forward to seeing everyone soon!

EDT driving lessons available locally.

Phone: 087 268 8365

Email: hanlonsdrivingschool@gmail.com

REMINDER: Kevin Barry's 2nd Anniversary mass this Sunday 21st December in Rathvilly at 11:00am.

Christmas @ Rural Revival

Everyone Welcome

Sunday 21st at 12 noon & 7pm

Tuesday 23rd LIVE CRIB 11am to 5pm
Tea, coffee & treats, Face Painting & Balloon Twisting. Entertainment 12-3pm
Carol Singing at 3pm
FREE EVENT

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve Service 7-8pm

Sunday 28th at 12 noon
"We teach truth, We Preach Peace & God Heals Hearts."

RURAL REVIVAL, CHURCH LANE, BALTINGLASS, W91YH72.

History of Rathvilly GAA: A group has been formed to commence the interesting work of compiling a **history of Rathvilly GAA**. The research will span over a hundred years of activity & it is essential that a complete picture is possible, of our Clubs history. **How can you help?** Have you got any old photographs, medals, newspaper reports/cut-outs, match programmes, trophies or memorabilia of any kind. If you have anything, please let us know by emailing history.rathvillygaa@gmail.com & a member will be in contact with you. We would love to hear from you!

Adieu "John Byrne"

"The match is over, the whistle is gone, the fight has ended, but the memory lives on.

Happy & contented, I go on my way, Destiny unknown, come what may.
An inner peace & God's guiding light, Brought me thus far through day & night.

My heart is so happy, my mind is so clear, My journey goes on, even though I'm not here. Will you think of me sometime when the day is done? Pray for me please as you gather today.

Though my pipe is extinguished, my soul travels on. It's been lovely to know you— my friends— so long."

John Lennon, Died 16/04/2003.



FOCUS KILTEGAN

21st December 2025

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Annual SVP Collection.

A total of €1582.47 was collected:
Kiltegan area €667.67 &
Rathvilly area €914.80.



WHIST DRIVE:

Christmas Whist Drive will take place in St. Peter's Parish Centre, Kiltegan on **Friday December 19th at 8pm**. Great prizes to be won. Tea Served.



VARIETY SHOW, RATHDANGAN:

After last year's great success, the **Rathdangan Variety Show** is back and tickets are now on sale for Friday 19th December at 8pm. Tickets are €10 and can be bought from John Cullen or John Coogan or online at www.rathdangan.com



We at the Focus wish to thank everyone for their business & support during 2025. We wish all our readers, promoters & distributors a very Happy & Peaceful Christmas & a wonderful New Year. This is our last edition for 2025, the next edition of the Focus will be week ending 16th January 2026, if you wish to contact us please email: focuskiltegan@hotmail.com. To all our readers near and far, to those in hospital or nursing homes we wish you all a very Happy & Peaceful Christmas.

TYNOCK & TALBOTSTOWN Fr. John McEvoy 059 9161114

Saturday 20th December, Talbotstown, 6:00pm
Anniversaries: Kathleen Keogh (13th Anv) Fr. Dermot McDermott, former Curate in our Parish. James, Winifred & Martin Dowling; Kathleen Boland.
Birthday Anniversaries for: Peter O'Keefe, Laura McHugh & Evelyn Davis.
Reader: Siobhain Doyle

Wednesday December 24th, Talbotstown, 8pm
Christmas Vigil in Talbotstown
Anniversaries for: John & Catherine Grant & Deceased Members of the Grant Family
Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan

Thursday December 25th, Tynock, 9:30am
Christmas Day Mass.
Anniversary: Richard Donegan
Reader: Mary Byrne

Sunday December 28th, Tynock, 9:30am
Reader: Lucilla Brophy

Sunday January 4th, Talbotstown, 9:30am
Reader: Fiona Kane

6th January 2026, Talbotstown, 9:45am
Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday January 10th, Tynock, 6:00pm
Reader: Conor O'Leary

Sunday 18th January, Talbotstown, 9:30am
Reader: Breedh Murphy

Sunday January 25th, Tynock, 9:30am
Reader: Veronica Byrne

Collections:
Offertory: €121.67 **Envelopes:** €190.20

To book anniversaries for Tynock / Talbotstown please call:
Mary on 086 2261264, Josie on 059 6473971.
Parish Office: 059 9161114

KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB NEWS



MI DWYER'S: In an extraordinary game of Hurling in the U19 Hurling Championship played at Glenealy on Sunday morning, already eliminated Glenealy hit 5 goals to bridge a 16 point gap within 24 extraordinary minutes to deny Michael Dwyer's a place in the County Final against Carnew in Aughtim on Sunday.

Final Score: MI Dwyer's 3-18, Glenealy 5-13. Glenealy had only 13 players for this game, Dwyer's had 18. Under the new rules, both teams had to play with 13. Dwyer's were all over the opposition in the 1st half & were ahead at half-time 3-12 to 0-5. In the 2nd half, Glenealy started to come to grips with the game & when they scored their first goal they started to believe & scored a further 4 goals. Too many mistakes & taking the wrong options proved costly for the team. **Scores:** Conor Boland 2-6, Joe Kelly 1-2, Matthew Jackson 3, Conor O'Toole 0-2, & Daniel Byrne, Alan Ryan, Matthew Doyle, Taylor Ryan + Joe Manifold 1 pt each.

LOOKING BACK TO 1977:

If the collection of silverware on the sideboard was the sole criteria by which the Club would be judged, then 1977 was a lean year in Kiltegan. The Keogh Cup was a trophy which had slipped the net on a number of occasions and the Traders Cup was all the Footballers had to show for their efforts. None the less, Harvey's team did make a very promising start in Senior Football ranks, in the 1st round of the Senior Championship they beat a useful Tinahely side 3-4 to 1-4 at Aughtim, the team had changed a little from '76. In the 2nd round the beaten finalists from '76, Hollywood, were the opposition at Baltinglass & after a great battle the game ended in a draw 0-10 each. The replay took place on the 17th of July when Hollywood used their greater experience to edge us out by a 1 point margin, 1-7 to 1-6. We retained the Traders Cup for the 2nd year beating Rathvilly 0-10 to 1-2. After failing for a number of years, we finally won the Keogh Cup at Knockanna beating the home side in the final, this was their Annual Tournament.

Final Score: 2-10 to 1-8.

Winning team: Larry Whelan, Conn O'Sullivan, Matt Finn, Mick Foley, M. O'Toole, Michael Farrell, Mick Byrne, R. Harmon, Brian Case, Pat Foley, Sean Keogh, Martin Whelan, Tom Pearson, Peadar Daly & Sean Byrne.

Subs: Peter Keogh, Pdraig Byrne & Micheal Flash Byrne.

We were also knocked out of the Boothman Trophy by Dunlavin 4-9 to 3-9 but another good show against the County Champions for our first year in Senior Football.



FROM THE ARCHIVES:

2nd July 1966: School Sports were held in High Park, in spite of the inclement weather, where it rained all day. A large attendance turned up for the event & each competition was keenly contested by the children of Rathcoyle, Talbotstown & Tynock. Ms. Celine Byrne, Rathcoyle, won three events: 100+440 yard events & the obstacle race. Talbotstown School won boys relay race & Rathcoyle won the girls event, Talbotstown beat Tynock in a football match. The married women's race was won by Mrs C Whelan, Holdenstown, 2nd was Mrs F O'Byrne, Graigue. High jump was a tie between John Tallon, Tynock & Jimmy Dowling, Talbotstown.

16th of July '66: The County Manager approved 2 additional public lights in Kiltegan.

30th July '66: The West Juvenile Board established Junior Hurling in the Districts of Stratford, Baltinglass & Kiltegan.

10th September '66: Baltinglass V St. Patrick's Senior Championship Final took place with Matt Finn & Jim Whelan as subs.

11th November '66: The Corcoran Cup took place.

Final Score: St. Tegan's 1-1, Hollywood 3-6.



KILTEGAN GAA

LOTTO RESULTS

5-21-22-23

NO JACKPOT WINNER

2 match 3s. win €100 each

Michael Farrell
(seller: Michael Farrell)

Richard Collier
(seller: Online)

Next week's draw takes place on
Monday 22nd December
in Talk of the Town
@ 8.00pm.

JACKPOT €6,200.



disappointments. Since February we have had the involvement of the 3 Kiltegan Fathers form Baltinglass, Fr's John, Lawrence & Vincent. Our parish is fortunate to have 4 excellent schools for the education of our primary children. Each of them have offered a Christmas concert in the days gone by. I would like to wish you all & the members of your extended families every blessing of joy & happiness at Christmas & in 2026.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance of a great number of people in helping in our liturgies & parish celebrations. Thanks to our deacon Liam Dunne, the sacristans, musicians, readers, collectors, ministers of the Word & of Holy Communion, & to all who assist in any way in the building up of our parish & community. Looking forward to building on our strengths into the future as we continue to 'Push out into the Deep'. Our Parish is in the same pastoral area as Baltinglass, Hacketstown, Clonmore & Tullow. I invite people of all age groups to offer their services in any way you might like to help. Forging a future with our neighbouring parishes is a project you can all help in. Together we are stronger.

Msgr. John McEvoy PP

CHRISTMAS DRAW

10 PRIZES OF €50 EACH:

- 1) Lorcan Tallon (seller online)
- 2) Emma Price (seller online)
- 3) Helen & Michael Farrell (seller Mi. Farrell)
- 4) Catherine Carroll (seller Catherine Carroll)
- 5) Barry John O'Toole (seller yearly Lotto)
- 6) Mick Farrell, Barraderry (seller Ned Doyle)
- 7) Christine Harmon (seller online)
- 8) Mark & Elisha Ryan (seller Talk of the Town)
- 9) Joe Fitzharris (seller online)
- 10) Edel, Coner & Zoe. (Seller Madeline Foley)

Promoter Prizes

- 1) Margaret Kavanagh
- 2) Maeve Foley, Talk of the Town

CHURCH SERVICES IN THE KILTEGAN UNION OF PARISHES

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER:

Sunday 21st December
10.00am in St John's Church, Clonmore.
7.00pm Carol Service of 9 Lessons & Carols in St Peter's Church, Kiltegan followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.
All are welcome.

Christmas Day 25th December
10.00am in St John the Baptist, Hacketstown.
11.30am in St Peter's Church, Kiltegan.

Sunday 28th December
10.00am Youth Carol Service in St John's Church, Moyne.
11.00am Family Service in St John's Church, Clonmore with Carols.



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy 21st Birthday to Roisin who's birthday was on the 18th of December. Roisin will celebrate this milestone with her family & friends with a major party in the Talk of the Town on Saturday night 20th December. Music & crack till late.
All are welcome.

