

## ST TEGAN'S HALL

Set Dance will resume on Tuesday  
16th January 2018 @ 8.30pm.

Sean Murphy Butcher Hacketstown  
085 1132259

Our Turkeys are reared on our small farm in  
Ardnaboy.  
Shop local keep the money in your town.  
Call in and talk to Sean.



### Talk of the Town :

Call 086-3452672 for all  
functions and parties.

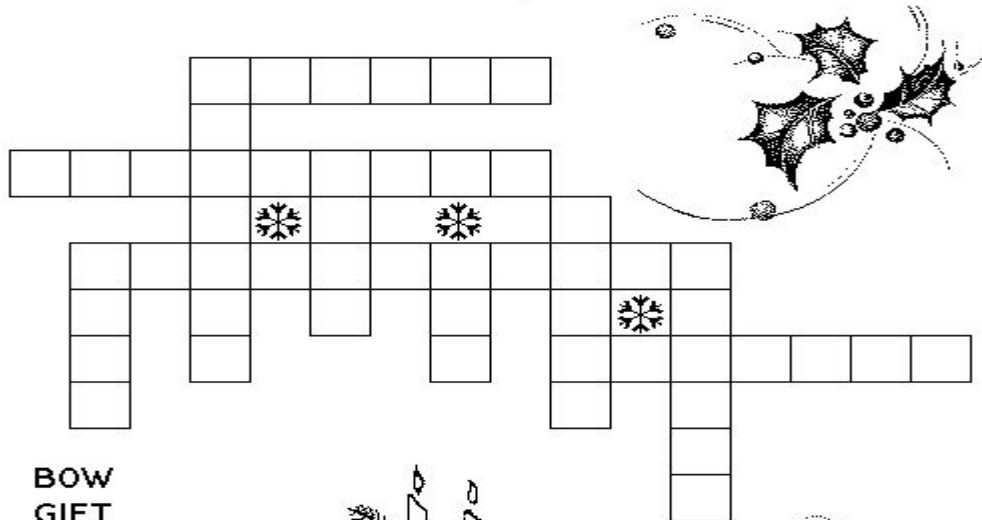
**Katie Lowes**  
Music Friday 22nd John Kelly

Food will be available soon!

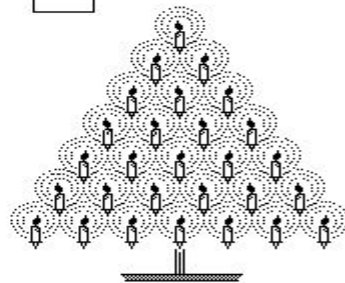
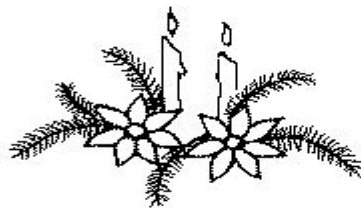
For all your celebrations and social occasions.  
Please phone Andrea 083 4437907

# Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.  
Each word is only used once.



BOW  
GIFT  
TREE  
PEACE  
FAMILY  
DINNER  
CANDLES  
FRIENDS  
CHRISTMAS  
GINGERBREAD



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Ads can also be dropped into the post box @ The Community Employment Office in Kiltegan. To place an ad is €2.00. All notices must be received before 3pm on Wednesday for inclusion that week.

# FOCUS KILTEGAN

24TH DECEMBER 2017

Special Christmas Edition



Wishing all our  
readers near and  
far a very Happy  
Christmas and a  
wonderful year  
ahead.

Also huge thanks to all our distributors of  
The Focus and all those who contribute to  
help towards the printing costs. The Focus is  
a free newsletter from the Kiltegan &  
surrounding communities & we rely on  
local support to keep our newsletter  
running.

Thank you for your continued support!

Wishing all our family, friends, & members  
of our community living abroad a Very  
Happy Christmas.

**Our traditional Church celebrations will  
take place as follows:**

In Talbotstown Church on **Sunday  
evening 24<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00 p.m.**  
Carol singing before the service will begin  
at 8.30 p.m.  
In Tynock Church on **Monday morning –  
Christmas morning – at 10.00 a.m.**  
**This will be a Mass for the children and  
we expect a special visitor will call  
In to meet all the children.**

Everyone is welcome to attend these  
services. It would be great if you could  
All come along and celebrate the birth of  
Christ in our community.  
I wish you all a very happy Christmas and  
New Year.

Fr. Pat.



### Tynock & Talbotstown

Fr. Pat O'Brien – (059) 6473211

**Week Day Masses in Oratory, Kiltegan**  
(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday next week)

Saturday Dec 23rd @ 6.00pm– Talbotstown  
Reader: Breedh Murphy Eucharistic Minister: Josie Finn  
Collector: Brian Murphy

Sunday Dec 24th @ 9.30am Tynock  
Reader: Jack Phelan, Eucharistic Minister: Paul O'Toole  
Collector: Paul O'Toole

Sunday Dec 24th @ 9pm Talbotstown  
**Anniversary Mass:** John & Catherine Grant  
**Anniversary Mass:** Maureen Marriott, Kiltegan  
4th Anniversary  
Reader: Joe O'Brien, Eucharistic Minister: Mary Burke  
Collector: Ned Doyle

Sunday Dec 25th @ 10am Tynock  
**Anniversary Mass:** Richard Donegan 47th Anniversary  
**Anniversary Mass:** Maisey Dowling & her brother Michael  
Dowling  
Reader: Mary Kelly, Kilmac, Eucharistic Minister: Danny  
Byrne Collector: Nigel Byrne

Saturday Dec 30th @ 6.00pm– Tynock  
Reader: Mary Byrne, Eucharistic Minister: Nigel Byrne  
Collector: Nigel Byrne  
Sunday Dec 31st @ 9.30am Talbotstown  
Reader: Rita Costello, Eucharistic Minister: Aine McCarthy  
Collector: Tom Cremin

### St. Peter's Parish—December

Rev. Canon Stella Durand (059) 6473368

17th December 11am Carol Service, All Welcome  
24th December Holy Communion 10.30pm  
25th December Holy Communion 12noon  
31st December Youth Carol Service Hacketstown @  
11am

## lotto KILTEGAN G.A.A

7, 21, 22, 29

### No Jackpot winner

Match 3s' Michael Champion  
(Seller O'Reilly Newsagent, Baltinglass)

Next weeks draw Tue 2nd January 2018 in  
Talk of the Town  
**Jackpot €10,600**

### Cycle for Haiti—30K

In aid of Andrea and Naomi's Voluntary  
trip 2018.

St Stephen's Day  
leaving Kiltegan GAA @ 11am  
Registration from 10.15am.

€20 includes raffle ticket refreshments in  
The Talk of The Town on return.

Andrea & Naomi would like to thank  
everyone for their generous donations  
and fantastic support on their Journey so  
far.

There will be no Focus  
printed on the week of the  
28th December.



Our next edition after that will  
be week ending 6th January  
2018. Any ad to be included  
for this week must be  
received by 12 noon on Wednesday 3rd  
January 2018. Where possible please  
e-mail focuskiltegan@hotmail.com, as there  
will be limited availability in the office, over  
the Christmas & New Year holiday period.

Next edition of The Focus is Jan 6th 2018.

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### Christmas Eve –

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Family Mass with  
Children's Choir at 6.00 p.m.  
Vigil Mass at 8.00 p.m.

#### Christmas Day –

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly – Mass at 11.00 a.m.

### LAND OF SAINTS & SCHOLARS

The Story of the Catholic Church in Ireland –  
Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin Edition.  
€15 each available from the  
Parish Office 059 9161114.



### Kiltegan GAA Notes

No lotto next week. Our next draw  
is on Tuesday 2nd January, our  
club wish to thanks everyone who has supported  
our Lotto for the past year.

The club committee are holding a special meeting  
to discuss all aspects of hurling within the club, on  
Thursday 28th December at 6.45pm, in the club  
house. This meeting is open to everyone who has  
an interest in hurling. If anyone who has a view on  
hurling please come along to this meeting.

Our club wish everyone a very Happy Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.



Kiltegan Camogie Club would  
like to wish all their players,  
parents & supporters a very  
Happy fun filled Christmas &  
peaceful New Year.



### Christmas Punch

#### Ingredients

- 75ml Clementine juice
  - 150ml Benedictine liqueur
  - 225ml Cognac or Dewar's White label  
scotch whiskey
  - 300ml Cranberry juice
  - Seeds of 1 vanilla pod
  - 1 Clementine, thinly sliced
- A few sour cherries (optional)

Mix all the ingredients together in a jug and  
store in the fridge for 2-3 hours before using –  
no longer as the sour elements will start to  
affect the overall flavour of the punch. Serve in  
a large jug or bowl half-filled with. Mix well and  
allow to dilute for 5 minutes before serving

## The Hub

Christmas Opening Times: **Open Sat 23rd December 2017**  
**9am—12.30pm.**

**Closing from 24th December 2017 — 7th January 2018**  
**Re-open on Monday 8th Jan @ 9pm**

We would like to wish all of our customers a very  
Happy Christmas, and thank you for your continued  
support through the year.

A big thank you to all of our volunteers &  
Community Employment Staff for all you help  
throughout the year, the smooth running of our  
local community shop & café would not be possible  
without you.



**Christmas Party**  
**Morning in The Hub**  
**This Friday 22nd**  
**December**  
**Come along & join**  
**in the fun**  
**Stories with Mrs**  
**Claus & Ben Elf.**

Join us for Mince  
Pies, & Homemade Mulled Wine.

Last minute gifts are still available, beautiful handmade  
Christmas candles, perfume, skin care product, and much  
more all available locally here at The Hub

## RATHDANGAN NEWS



**The Village Pantry** has been working  
hard now for over 3yrs and needs a bit  
of a revamp to allow for this **we are**  
**going to close its doors a little longer**  
**this Christmas season closed Friday**  
**15th December to Monday 15th**

**January**.....sorry for any inconvenience caused and thank  
you so so much for all your loyal support these last few years  
and also big thanks to all our volunteers who work hard to  
keep it open providing a welcoming space for both our locals  
and visiting friends. We hope to see you all back next year  
but in the meantime Happy Christmas and Happy Healthy

## WHAT'S GOING ON!



### RATHVILLY CREDIT UNION:

#### CHRISTMAS LOANS

Don't leave it until the last minute. We  
can tailor repayments to suit your  
pocket! Drop into your local Credit Union  
in Rathvilly soon.

Thursday 9.15 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. and  
2.00 p.m. to 5.30p.m. Friday 9.15 a.m. to  
11.15 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.  
Ph. 059 9161305.

### Talbotstown National School

Beat the January Blues, put your  
positive pants on, & join our January  
jog/walk.

In aid of Talbotstown NS  
Fun fitness for all  
4km walk/6.5 km run

14th January 2018  
Registration 10.30am at Talbotstown  
School  
Start time 11am

Cost of entry  
Adults €10 family (2adults) €15  
Students €5 children free

Refreshments afterwards.

### Ideal Christmas Present

Daniel O'Donnell's Concert  
15th & 16th August 2018  
Gleneagle Hotel Killarney

Includes 2 nights - Dinner, B&B, Show  
Further details from Duffy's Coach Hire.  
059 6471681 or 087 2543235

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje8  
Monday 26th March 2018  
Further details From Duffy's Coach Hire

Talbotstown & Tynock Church Collection  
Offertry €408.54 Envelope €323.04