

## Are you....

- ...aged 21 and over and been unemployed for 1+ years?
- ...tired of job opportunities requiring "experience" that you can't seem to obtain?
- ...looking for work flexibility to suit your lifestyle?



## Do you...

- ...want the opportunity to work 19.5 hours per week
- ...want to have the chance to do some training you have been putting off?
- ...want to gain invaluable experience and expertise? (no experience necessary)



If so, Community Employment might just be for you!  
See our current vacancies below:



<b><u>Environmental Worker - Knockananna</u></b>	<b>#CES-2399508</b>
<b><u>Cleaning Operative -Kiltegan</u></b>	<b>#CES-2418836</b>
<b><u>Sportsground Worker - Baltinglass Golf Club</u></b>	<b>#CES-2417989</b>
<b><u>Sports Ground Worker / Club Coach - Baltinglass GAA</u></b>	<b>#CES-2410035</b>
<b><u>Sports Ground Worker Club Coach - Baltinglass GAA</u></b>	<b>#CES-2415318</b>
<b><u>Environmental Worker -Baltinglass Tidy Towns</u></b>	<b>#CES-2410036</b>

If you are interested in any of the above vacancies, check eligibility with your Local Intreo office today! (Reference Number Required)  
There are fantastic training opportunities available for the right candidate.

**Please contact: Sondrine Byrne on 087 449 7731, if you have any queries**

**Madunkey's Restaurant**  
**Baltinglass Golf Club**



Wed: 10:00am-4:00pm

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

Sat: 9am-5pm (Dinner from 5pm)

Sun: Sunday Lunch 10am-4pm

For bookings, call 085 1249678.

***Madunkey's thanks all its loyal guests  
and looks forward to welcoming  
everyone soon!***



2 Bed cottage for rent. Killallesh Area.  
Contact: 087 270 1551

## Test your Sudoku Skills:

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# FOCUS KILTEGAN



18th January 2026

## Irish Classes:



Irish classes will be beginning in St Tegan's Hall from Thursday 15th January at 8pm.  
The level is suitable for people who learned Irish at school but feel they never really got the grasp of it, or feel that they have forgotten what they learned. The emphasis will be on giving learners lots of opportunities to use the language in conversation & learn lots of everyday useful phrases and vocabulary. A term of 8 weeks is €90.  
Contact Caoimhe at [eolas@fuisseog.org](mailto:eolas@fuisseog.org) for more information.



## Happy New Year!

The Focus would like to extend our warmest wishes to all our readers and distributors for a Happy New Year 2026.

We are delighted to be back, bringing you our latest edition with a refreshed and slightly new design.  
Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to sharing many more stories, notices & messages with you throughout the year ahead.

If you wish to include a notice please contact any of the following:

Email: [focuskiltegan@hotmail.com](mailto:focuskiltegan@hotmail.com).

Phone: 059 64 73330.

Facebook messenger: [facebook.com/thefocuskiltegan](https://facebook.com/thefocuskiltegan).  
Drop in: WWCE Office, The Green, Kiltegan, W91Y38W.

**To place an ad costs €2 per ad per week.**

## Thank you:



The Focus wish to thank Dermot & Liz Harmon for their recent generous donation to the Focus. We also wish to thank everyone that has contributed to the Focus during 2025. As we are a community run Newsletter we rely solely on contributions & donations to enable us to keep the Focus printing on a weekly basis.

**Thank you all.**

**TYNOCK & TALBOTSTOWN**  
**Fr. John McEvoy 059 9161114**

Sunday 18th January, Talbotstown, 9:30am  
**Anniversaries: Betty Somers, Dan Kane, Michael Lennon, Maureen Marriott & John + Kathleen Farrell, Barraderry**  
Reader: Breedh Murphy

Sunday 25th January, Tynock, 9.30 am  
**Anniversary: Seamus Boland**  
Reader: Veronica Byrne

Sunday 1st February, Talbotstown 9.30 am  
**Anniversary: Tony Furlong**  
Reader: Joe O'Brien

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, Tynock, 9:30am  
Reader: Fiona Kane

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February, Talbotstown, 6:00pm  
Reader: Conor O'Leary

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February, Tynock, 9:30am  
Ash Wednesday

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, Tynock, 9:30am  
**Anniversary: Cora Lawlor**  
Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

**Collections:**  
**Offertory: €50.45**  
**Envelopes: €90.00**

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

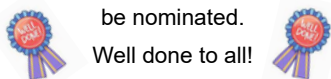


## Congratulations

**Congratulations and well done** to Conor Boland on winning this years Garden County All-Stars award for Club Minor Footballer of the year, which will be held in the Arklow Bay Hotel on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of February.

Aaron Young was also nominated for this award, Kieran Conway was nominated for Junior Hurler of the Year and Sophie Birmingham was nominated for Senior Camogie player of the Year.

While they did not get the nod of the judges, it is a great honour to be on the shortlist to



be nominated.

Well done to all!

## Well done!

Well done to Colaiste Eoin, Hacketstown on winning in the South Leinster school Junior Hurling D Final last week. They beat a combination of Duiske College Graignamanagh & Coláiste Pobail Osraí, Kilkenny. **Final Score:** 3-8 to 2-4.

Beating a team from Kilkenny in any grade is some achievement and this team was powered by both Kiltegan and Michael Dwyer's players and was joint managed by Kiltegan & County Hurler Bryan Kearney and Carlow's Dan Ryan. This was a great win for the second year in a row.

Well done to all concerned and to Captain Eoin Tallon + all Kiltegan & Dwyer's players, who scored some great goals & points.

Scoil Conglais, Baltinglass also tasted success when they had a great win in the South Leinster Junior Hurling D1, section 2 shield final, beating Bunclogh by 10-17 to 4-4. Again, a win for a Wicklow team over a Wexford team is some achievement. Kiltegan & MI Dwyer's Hurlers were to the fore on this team.

**Well done to all concerned.**

## 1977 Looking Back to 1977: 1977

After the success of winning Junior & Intermediate Hurling Championships in '73 & '75, we were now into our second year as a Senior hurling team but were finding it hard to compete. The interest in hurling seemed to lose out to football as they were also Senior and there was a big push on for the football team. The Senior hurlers made a good start to the year when they beat St. Patrick's Wicklow Town 1-11 to 0-2 in the Senior Hurling League, then they were beaten by Carnew in the first round of the Senior Hurling Championship which was knock out 3-15 to 3-4. The team quickly lost interest, pulling out of the league and played only 5 matches that year. Our junior hurlers beat Aughrim in the first round of the Championship 3-5 to 3-3. They put up a good show against Hollywood in the next round beaten by 3-7 to 2-6. The Club also fielded an under 21 hurling team for the first time but were well beaten by Carnew 9-8 to 1-2.

Our U12 hurlers salvaged something for the Club and kept hurling alive when they retained the U12 Hurling Championship to make it a great 3 in a row. The Senior Hurlers of the day may have showed little interest in this Juvenile team but the young lads and their mentors were ensuring the future of hurling in the Club was safe and it was quite a remarkable achievement when you consider at the time the strength of hurling in Carnew, Avoca and Arklow. Esther Byrne made history in Wicklow when she became the first girl to win a Hurling Championship medal. Players like Peter Byrne, PJ Byrne & Killian O'Keefe played a prominent role in beating Carnew in the final, Kiltegan 4-0, Carnew 2-1.

**Team:** P. Byrne, P. Gartland, K. O'Keefe, A. Byrne, G. Brophy, P. Byrne, J. Brophy, D. Byrne, PJ Byrne, PJ Carroll, D. Foley, P. Byrne, S. Murphy, E. Byrne. Our U14 hurlers were again beaten for the second year in the U14 Championship Final & it looked like their day in the sun was not too far away....

## Kiltegan GAA Lotto Results



**2- 3- 23- 30**

No Jackpot Winner

No Match 3's



Next week's draw takes place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of January in the Talk of the Town at 8:00pm.

**NEXT WEEKS JACKPOT €7,000**



## CONDOLENCE MESSAGES:



To the Honner Family, Danesfort, Kiltegan, we offer our sympathies on the passing of Kenneth 'Ken' Honner, who was interred in St. Peter's Cemetery on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January, after his funeral service in the local Church. To his wife Anna, sons Thomas & Nigel, daughter Valerie, Sister Patricia, daughters-in-law Shirley & Sarah, son-in-law Ross, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives & friends, our sincere sympathy.

**May Kenneth Rest in Peace.**

Sympathies also to the Family of the late Evan Fitzgerald, whose ashes were laid to rest in Tynacash Cemetery on Sunday, after a short & moving ceremony by his family. A large crowd turned up to support the Family, which was great to see after their sad loss some months ago.

**May Evan Rest in Peace.**

## Quotes to remember:

### IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING TODAY, REMEMBER THIS:

You have survived everything you've gone through up to this point.

The best day of your life is still yet to come.

There are still people you haven't met, and things you haven't experienced.

**YOU CAN DO THIS.**

SOMETIMES THE STRENGTH WITHIN ISN'T A BIG FIERY FLAME FOR ALL TO SEE

SOMETIMES IT'S JUST A TINY SPARK THAT WHISPERS EVER SO SOFTLY  
"keep going, you got this"

"Tough times never last, but tough people do."

Everything comes to you at the right time.  
**Be patient.**

## CONDOLENCE MESSAGE:



It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Philomena Donegan. Friend, neighbour & founder member of

Tynock Tidy Towns Committee. Phil was a 'force of nature' when it came to getting things done for the 'Tidy Towns'. She worked tirelessly last summer to restore the grotto in the church grounds to its present magnificent condition. Phil planted bulbs & flowers, picked litter, fund raised & turned up to every meeting. She kept meticulous records of our finances as treasurer. She was the first to arrive at any work night; & the last to leave. If an idea was mentioned, Phil helped to make it a reality. She put in untold hours, quietly weeding, planting and painting to improve our little village. She was always ready to discuss plans and would leave us in no doubt if she didn't think a plan would work or was a non-runner! Even when she wasn't feeling the best, Phil was always there to listen and give us her advice about things, she wasn't behind the door in tackling local representatives on issues concerning our community and in seeking support for our projects.

Phil, you will be so badly missed by your friends, neighbours, and all who had the privilege of knowing you. May you rest in eternal peace, in a garden where you never have to pull a weed or lift a spade unless you want to.

Our deepest sympathies to Philomena's Family at this very difficult time.

**May Philomena Rest in Peace.**



## CONDOLENCE MESSAGES:



We offer our sympathy to the Family of Eddie Kelly, Hacketstown, who passed away on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts are with Natasha, Lily, Olivia, Paul, Joe, Eddie's brothers, sisters, in-laws, nephews, nieces, neighbours, relatives and friends.

**May Eddie Rest in Peace.**



Sympathies also to the Family of Sadie Heffernan, Knockananna, who passed away on January 12<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts are with Sadie's husband John, sons Ken & Kevin, daughters Niamh & Stacey, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, in-laws, relatives & friends.

**May Sadie Rest in Peace.**