

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:



Environmental Worker - Knockananna	(REF: #CES-2399508)
Research Administration Assistant- Kiltegan	(REF: #CES-2411541)
Cleaning Operative/Caretaker - Kiltegan	(REF: #CES-2384235)
Gardener/Environmental Worker -Kiltegan	(REF: #CES-2399506)
Environmental Worker - High Park, Kiltegan	(REF: #CES-2378417)
Sports Ground Worker Club Coach - Baltinglass GAA	(REF: #CES-2410035)
Environmental Worker -Baltinglass Tidy Towns	(REF: #CES-2410036)

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.

MADUNKEY'S RESTAURANT

Baltinglass Golf Club

Madunkey's Restaurant Has Moved!
We're excited to announce that Madunkey's Restaurant is now at Baltinglass Golf Club!

- ◇ Overlooking the town with stunning views
- ◇ Serving quality food made with care
- ◇ Relax in beautiful, serene surroundings

Join us at our new home and enjoy a dining experience that's as unforgettable as the view.
Now at the Golf Club

Madunkey's – Where great food meets great atmosphere!

For Enquires Contact: 0851249678

**ANY NEWS/ADS FOR THE FOCUS
MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3.00PM ON
WEDNESDAY FOR
PUBLICATION THAT WEEK.
CONTACT US ON ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING :**

Email: focuskiltegan@hotmail.com
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/thefocuskiltegan>
Phone: 059 6473330.

Ads can also be dropped into the post box at
The Community Employment Office, The
Green, Kiltegan, W91 Y38W.

To place an ad costs €2.00 per ad per week.

We are a community based newsletter and we rely on fees / donations in order to be able to print / publish The Focus on a weekly basis.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

FOCUS KILTEGAN



28th September 2025



Knockananna Tidy Towns

Car Boot Sale is back for the next 3 months, Taking place on the last Saturday of September, October & November
Starting Saturday 27th September 8am-1pm
Table: 10 e
Free tea / coffee for stall holders



FUND-RAISING WALK, HUMEWOOD CASTLE

Our annual Camogie Fund-Raising Walk in Humewood Castle, was again, an outstanding success.
The walk took place on Sunday last in Humewood.
This is always a great family occasion.



Thanks to all who took part and to the organising committee, stewards and anyone else that contributed their time for this event.

BALTINGLASS DAY CARE CENTRE

Pop-Up Shop Saturday 27th September 11am-3pm in Baltinglass Day Care Centre, directly behind The Community Hospital. Clothes, Toys, Bric-a-Brac & Raffle. All proceeds go to Baltinglass Day Care Centre.



BLESSING OF PETS:

To mark the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of Pets takes place in the grounds of Tynock Church on Sunday, 5th October at 10.30 a.m.

TYNOCK & TALBOTSTOWN

Fr. John McEvoy
059 9161114

Sunday 28th September, Talbotstown, 9:30am
Anniversary for: Peg Farrell, Englishtown, 13th Anniversary & Esther Finn 26th Anniversary

Reader: Joe O'Brien

Sunday 5th October, Tynock, 9:30am

Anniversary for: Lary Daly.

Reader: Nigel Byrne

Saturday 11th October, Talbotstown, 6:00pm

Anniversary for: Billy Ronayne, Portriton, Kiltegan

Reader: Fiona Kane

Sunday October 19th, 9:30am, Tynock

Reader: Mary Byrne

Sunday October 26th, 9:30am, Talbotstown

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Saturday November 1st, 9:30am, Talbotstown

Feast of All Saints

Sunday November 2nd, Tynock, 9:30am

Reader: Conor O'Leary

Collections:

Offertory 14th Sept: €120.75

20th Sept: €49.70,

Envelopes: 14th Sept: €321.00

20th Sept: €269.70.

To book anniversaries for Tynock / Talbotstown please call:

Mary on 086 2261264, Josie on 059 6473971.
Parish Office: 059 9161114

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT, OCTOBER -
Kiltegan area on Wednesday, 1st October from 2:00 p.m to 5:00 p.m.

KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB NEWS

Brief History- Minor Football: There has been Minor Footballers in the Kiltegan-Rathdangan area, since the 40's. As there was never enough players to make a Minor team, they always played with neighbours Baltinglass & in later years, in the 60's, it was called St. Josephs. Many of our players tasted success during the years, winning County Championship medals with St. Josephs. Michael Dwyer's GAA Club was formed in 85 & entered a Minor Football team that year. With the Ballymanus players committed to the Tinahely Club, we got permission from the Co. Board to play some Glen players & made up a team. We won our first match against Derry Gales, beat Clara in the Semi-Final & met a powerful Baltinglass team in the Final & lost 0-2 to 1-15. **1988:** lost to St. Josephs. **1989:** Beat St. Mary's, then lost to Derry Gales. **1991:** MFC beaten in the 1st rd by Annacurra. **1992:** Lost to Ashford. **1993:** No team. **1994:** Team managed by Mick O' Toole, won the 1st ever Minor Championship, played 10 matches, lost 0; beating St. Briget's, St. Nicholas', drawing with St. Joseph's (2-8) & then won the replay. We played St. Patrick's, Wicklow Town in the Final & were winning at 1/2 time, St. Patrick's levelled the match & went a pt ahead but John Keogh saved the day with a pt, resulting in a draw. In the replay, the same pattern followed, James Whelan punched the ball to the net from a free by James Doyle to give us the lead at 1/2 time 1-4 to 0-2. St. Patrick's fight back came late in the game when they scored 2 goals but we were able to hold out for a famous victory 1-08 to 2-03. Capt. Fergal Gartland carried the Minor Cup for the 1st time over the hills. **1995:** wins over St. Joseph's, St. Nicholas, St. Kevin's, Tinahely & Rathnew put us in the final again, but we lost to St. Bridget's Blessington. **1996:** finished in the B Section of the Championship & beat St. Josephs. We beat Coolkenno & lost the Final to St Briget's 1-7 to 0-9.

Hurling: A bad day at the office for our 2 hurling teams as they both lost their Championship matches Saturday. **Our Junior hurlers** took on Avondale in the County Junior A Hurling Final at a very wet Glenealy & lost on a score line of Kiltegan 1-9, Avondale 0-15. This game was fixed for Glenealy's new playing field which was completely unsuitable for a County Final, they talk about promoting Hurling in the County, there never was a County Final of any grade or level played at this venue. In fairness, both sides served up some good hurling at times, in bad conditions. Both teams met last year in the Junior B Final in Blessington after a replay which we won rather easy, we also beat them this year in the League part of the Championship in Avondale but on Saturday, they wanted more than us. They lead from start to finish, we kept giving the ball away, silly free's, giving their ace free taker Niall Heffernan, a field day scoring 8 pts out of their 10 in the 1st half. We missed a lot of scoring chances from play & free's & we should have been level at winning at 1/2 time instead of losing 0-10 to 0-6 at the break scoring 4 of our points from free's, 2 from play by JJ Phelan & Dean Davis. We started the 2nd half as we finished the 1st, not getting into the game, missing a couple of goal chances, as well as scorable free's. We did eventually score a goal later in the game, but again, gave away free off the back, where we were again punished. In fact, their free taker ended the match with 11 pts from free's, while we only scored 5. We were missing our Full Forward Seanie O'Neill & not enough players stepped up to the plate to win this game, which was disappointing for our large following, in Glenealy. **Scorers:** JJ Phelan 1-6, D.Davis 2 & D.Byrne 1.

What's another year for **our Senior Hurling team**, as they were again beaten by Carnew in the Semi-Final of the Senior Hurling Championship in Aughrim. **Final Score:** Kiltegan 1-11, Carnew 4-10. We, again, failed to progress into a County Final as we were well beaten by a more fired up Carnew team, who we beat in the 1st game in this Championship. When this game started, both sides matched one another with tight marking & blocking, they got their 1st score after 9mins from a free, followed by 2 more. We then got our 1st pt, followed by another from a free by Brandon Ryan, with 14 mins gone in the game, this would be the last score for us in this half. They scored their last 3 pts from free's, some would say "easy free's". They scored a goal on the call of 1/2 time leaving the score at: Kiltegan 0-2, Carnew 1-6. We missed scores from frees & play, 2 pts in the County Semi-Final was a very poor return if a team is going to progress. Overall, a poor 1st half, where a lot of players didn't perform with no wind factor to account for the scoring. We started the 2nd half with more intent, Podge O'Toole had a pt after 4mins to start a revival, we started to roar into the game & scored 5pts on the trot from Eoghan, Podge & Brandon. They scored a 65 to break the spell at 1 pt game. 2 minutes later, they scored a goal from Roy Kelly, we won the long ball & Podge ran at the Carnew defence to score a great goal. They popped over a free next to level it a 2 point game but this was as good as it got for us. The age old saying, "goals win matches" & they scored 2 more while we scored a couple of pts to keep plugging away. They ran out convincing winners, with a place in the County Final. **Scorers:** P.O'Toole 1-2, B.Ryan 0-6, E.Byrne 0-2 & P.Byrne 0-1.



CAMOGIE: Our Senior Camogie team take on Carnew in the Semi-Final of the County Senior Camogie Championship at Arklow on Saturday at 3pm. The prize for the winners is a place in the County Final against Knockanana or Bray. The girls have trained hard all year so we wish them the very best of luck.



FOOTBALL: We wish our U17 Football team the very best of luck in their County U17 Football Final on Sunday at 2pm. Support for this team, who are unbeaten in this Championship, is vital. The last Minor team to win this Championship, was MI Dwyer's in 1994. (See Across pg.2<—)



Well done to Michael Dwyer's football team who won the County U13 Football Championship, beating Clara Glens 9-09 to 7-09, on Tuesday evening in Ballinakill. Well done to all involved.

FIXTURES

Minor A Football Finals 2025

Sunday 28th September @ 2:00pm
Kiltegan V Arklow Geraldines -Ballymoney
(Venue: Echelon Park, Aughrim)

U15 C Football Finals

Wednesday 1st of October @ 7:00pm
Michael Dwyer's V An Tóchar
(Venue: Echelon COE, Ballinakill)

U15 Football Finals 2025

Wednesday 1st October @ 7:00pm
Kiltegan V St. Patrick's, Wicklow
(Venue: Echelon COE, Ballinakill)

GOOD LUCK TO ALL INVOLVED.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

Love yourself first
and everything
else falls into line.

Lucille Ball

Don't wait. The
time will never
be just right.

Napoleon Hill

KILTEGAN GAA LOTTO RESULTS



NO JACKPOT WINNER

2 match 3's. Win €100 each
E Byrne (Seller: Eileen Byrne)
Olivia Harmon (Seller: Online)

Next week's draw takes place on
Monday 29th September
in Talk of the Town
@ 8.00pm.

JACKPOT €3,400

RATHDANGAN NEWS



Community Walk:
Rathdangan community walk has
been postponed until Saturday
25th of October 2025.
More details to follow...

All proceeds will go toward hall redevelopment fund. Run, walk or crawl, come along to meet your neighbours and support your community.

Children's Trad Music lessons:

O'Toole Hall, Rathdangan.
Mondays 3.30-4.15pm.
Some places still available.
Contact Eimer on 087-9549848

Monthly Dance:

Our monthly dance takes place
October 11th in Rathdangan Hall.
Music by Unity.
Dancing 9 to 12.
Refreshments served.



HEALING MASS

Our next Healing Mass in **St. Brigid's Chapel in Slí an Chroí**, (adjacent to the Office Building) **St. Patrick's Missionary Society, High-Park, Kiltegan** will take place on
Monday the 6th of October at 3pm.

This will be followed by Refreshments in our Dining Room.

We hope to see you there.