

## ST TEGAN'S HALL

**Ciorcal Cainte:** Our last Irish conversation circle before Christmas will be in the Hub on Monday, 5th December at 11.00am. We will resume in January on Monday 16th, 11.00 to 12.00. in St. Tegan's Hall, Kiltegan. Nollaig shona do gach einne.

**Set Dancing:** The last set dancing class of 2016 will be in St. Tegan's Hall on Tuesday, 6th December. The first class of 2017 will be on Tuesday, 17th January from 8.30 to 10.30pm.

## SERVICES

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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.



## Talk of the Town :

Call 086-3452672 for all functions and parties.



## Christmas Trivia Answers —How Well did you do..

1. Jacob Marley
2. Holiday Inn
3. Ladies dancing
4. Comet, Cupid, Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Donner, Blitzen
5. The Nightmare before Christmas
6. White
7. Clarence (Oddbody)
8. Dr Seuss
9. Mexico
10. Six

## 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



Experienced Childminder available in the Kiltegan area—

Contact Alison 086 8959592

# FOCUS KILTEGAN

25TH DECEMBER 2016

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.



The Goose Club Committee would like to thank our community for the fantastic response they received this year, donations & prizes were great as usual. A special word of thanks to Michael McNamara who donated the goose this year, also Ciaran Fitzgerald for sound equipment. We raised €2,200 on the day and proceeds go to Senior Citizens fund. Our thanks to all who done the door to door collection, and senior citizens committee for all their help. A special thanks to all who helped out on the day.

Yours in Gratitude,  
The Goose Club Committee

## Tynock & Talbotstown



Fr. Pat O'Brien – (059) 6473211

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

**Saturday Dec 24th @ 9pm Tynock**

**Anniversary Mass** Richard Donegan  
John & Catherine Grant  
Maureen Marriott nee Lennon, Kiltegan  
Reader: Mary Kelly, Kilmac Eucharistic Minister: Tom Brady

**Sunday Dec 25th @ 10am Talbotstown Children's Mass**  
**Anniversary Mass** 1st Anniversary Lucas Biclanski  
Reader: Marie Collins Eucharistic Minister: Josie Finn

**Saturday Dec 31st @ 6pm Talbotstown**  
Reader: Siobhan Doyle Eucharistic Minister: Mary Burke

**Sunday Jan 1st @ 9.30am Tynock**  
Reader: Nigel Byrne Eucharistic Minister: Danny Byrne

Friday 6th January 2017 Epiphany Mass @ 9.30am Tynock

**Saturday Jan 7th @ 6pm Tynock**  
Reader: Paula Boland Eucharistic Minister: Patricia Hegerty

**Sunday Jan 8th @ 9.30am Talbotstown**  
**Anniversary Mass** Sally O'Brien Matheson (Ciss), Teresa Lennon, Maureen Marriot  
Reader: Jane Fidgeon Eucharistic Minister: Davis Carton  
**New Parish Website: [www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie](http://www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie)**

## St. Peter's Parish—December

Rev. Canon Stella Durand (059) 6473368

December 2016 Sunday Morning prayer as normal.  
1st & 3rd Sunday: Morning Prayers @ 12noon  
2nd & 4th Sunday : Holy Communion @ 12noon

**lotto** KILTEGAN G.A.A

10, 22, 26, 28

**No Jackpot winner**  
Match 3s' Patsy Power (Seller Talk of the Town)

**Hamper winners** 1. Monty & Pip .c/o Talk of the Town 2. Denise & Maeve, 3. Ann Byrne Brockna. 4. Marie Rafferty Brockna 5. Rory Twoomey. 6. Paul Faulkner, Ardglass 7. Mona O' Toole. 8. Sean & Padraig Byrne. 9. Aine Ward

**Promoters Prize** (Bottle of whiskey ) Bridget Foley Helen Farrell, Madeline Foley



Our Club held their first committee of the year on Thursday night and following on from our AGM when some positions were not filled , chairman Damien

Byrne got the following positions ratified for the coming year , vice-president Sean Keogh , assistant secretary Siobhan Doyle , fixtures secretary John Byrne , director of coaching Denis Hayes and Mick O'Toole , children's officer Mary Burke , field booking Pat Judy Keogh , development committee chairperson Christy O'Toole , Martin Nolan , Danny Byrne , John Timmins , Barry John O'Toole , Liam Kavanagh , finance and fundraising committee , joint chairperson Grainne O'Toole and Pat Ivory , John Farrell , John Lennon , Michael Farrell , Colm Doyle , Michael Lennon , Nigel Byrne , Tracy Winders , Kieran Fitzgerald , insurance officer Elisha Ryan.

Tickets for the Croke park national draw are on sale from all players and members of a cost of €10 a ticket. Prizes are sponsored by Croke park we would like to encourage everyone to support this draw where there is cars, cash and holidays on offer.

At the County GAA convention in Auhgrim on last Monday night three people from our club will be honoured at the county GAA awards 2017 in the Arklow bay hotel on the 21st of January 2017. Rory Finn county footballer of the year , Jeffrey Birmingham intermediate hurler of the year and John Timmins Club person of the year. Congratulations and Well done to all.

New Club gear for the GAA Club and Camogie Club will go on sale in the New Year.

Our Club wishes Everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Happy New year!!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

Thank you to all who contributed to our recent Collection. A total of €1,041.91 was raised – Rathvilly €803.56, Tynock €219.21, Talbotstown €119.14.

**Rathvilly Kiltegan St. Vincent de Paul Society – Phone 083 1494412**

**KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB IN CONJUNCTION**

**WITH KAIDEEN KNITWEAR**

Kiltegan GAA & Camogie Club have joined forces with our local supplier **Kaideen Knitwear** to launch our new club gear range for 2017.

A one off fitting night will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> January where all players, mentors and anyone involved with the club can place an order.

**Special Offer prices are available on the fitting night ONLY.**

**Deposit to be paid on the night is ONLY €20 per person**

(The rest to be paid when collecting the gear ..March timeframe).

**Kaideen Knitwear** will also stock our club gear throughout the year which will be a fantastic service to have within our club. Club gear can then be ordered at any time of the year by going into **Kaideen Knitwear.**

**LAUNCH & FITTING CLUB GEAR 2017 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017 6PM – 8PM**

**ST. TEGAN'S HALL, KILTEGAN**



**Michael Dwyer Club** would like to thank everyone who helped out with the club throughout the year,

without your continued help the club would not run so smoothly. We wish all players, family & friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year...see you all in 2017.



**The Hub**



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 Opening Times: 22nd & 23rd Closing 12.30pm**  
**Open Sat 24th 9am—12.30pm.**  
**Re-open on Saturday 7th Jan @ 9pm**

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 Re-open 9th Jan '17**

We have lots of beautiful locally made crafts on offer, so you'll never be stuck for a unique present. We also can cater for groups if you want to book or have any queries about our delivery services from Super Valu Baltinglass, Castleruddery Organic Farm, or Lawlors Pharmacy Rathvilly or if you would like to order cakes tarts etc for a function please ring Tess on (087) 6173879



**Talbotstown School:** Well done to all the pupils on a fantastic concert in Talbotstown Church last Wednesday night. The children really excelled. Thank you to everyone for donating to St. Vincent de Paul on the night. A total of €379 was collected and was

handed over to Fr. John McEvoy last Friday. There was great excitement amongst the children last Thursday when Santa arrived by helicopter. The final results of the balloon release are below. Prizes were presented by Angela Towey during the week at the school. Nearly €2,000 was raised for the Lalor Centre, Baltinglass. Equipment that the facility needs will be bought from the money.

Placing	Owner of Balloon	Location Found
1st	Cormac Doyle,	Coola, Kildinan, Co. Cork. (Travelled 94.5miles)
Joint 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hilary McDermott Rachel Murphy	Crossoge, Mitchelstown, Co. Cork (Travelled 81.3miles)
4th	Katelyn Keogh	Araglin near Clogheen on the Waterford/Tipperary/Cork border (Travelled 79.4miles).
5th	Clodagh O' Toole	Found in a field in Burncourt near Ballylooby, Co. Tipperary. (Travelled 74.1miles)

**WHAT'S GOING ON!**



**RATHVILLY CREDIT UNION:**

Christmas Opening Hours:  
Thursday 22nd – normal opening hours; Friday 23rd - 9.15 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. – **CLOSED FRIDAY EVENING.** Thursday 29th and Friday 30th – normal opening hours. Our members draw took place on Friday night and details of the winners are on our website on [www.rathvillycu.ie](http://www.rathvillycu.ie) or our Facebook page.

Wishing all of our members a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



**Kiltegan Senior Citizens Committee**

We wish to thank everyone who contributed to the goose club fundraiser last Sunday in St Tegan's Hall. To the many people who donated prizes & cash, everyone who bought tickets during the Event, Many Thanks. We thank John Joe Doyle for organising the event & all who helped collect the prizes & ran the raffles so efficiently. The Goose Club raised €2,200. Your

**THANK YOU**

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank Mr. Brian Flood, teachers, children and their parents from Scoil Naomh Brid, Talbotstown for contributing €379.00 from their Carol Service held in Talbotstown Church.