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the Focus Kiltegan for 2019. We would like to thank all our readers near and far. Wishing you a very Happy Christmas + a

wonderful year ahead. Also, huge thanks to all our distributors of The Focus & all those who contribute to help towards the printing costs. We rely on local support to keep our newsletter running. So, thank

you all so much for your continued support! Wishing all our family, friends & members of the community living abroad a very Merry Christmas. Wishing anyone who is unwell or in hospital a speedy recovery & a Happy Christmas + New YearI

A big thank you to evervone who helped out in any way in the Parish during the year. Your help & co-operation is very important & much appreciated. Thank you to Paula, Alec + staff for all



their work and for the erection of the crib & Christmas tree in our churches. Also to Martina who kept our churches spotless throughout the year.



Congratulations to the teachers & children of Tynock & Talbotstown school's on their wonderful Christmas concerts during the week.

To everyone . I wish you all a very Joyful + Peaceful Christmas & Happy New Year. Fr. Pat

22nd & 29th December 2019

Tynock & Talbotstown Fr. Pat O Brien – (059) 6473211

Saturday 21st December @ 6:00pm in Tynock Reader & Collector: Nigel Byrne. Eucharistic Minister: Patti Hegarty Sunday 22nd December @ 9:30am in Talbotstown Reader: Joe O'Brien, Collector: Tom Cremin, Eucharistic Minister: Aine McCarthy

Tuesday 24th December @ 9pm in Talbotstown Anniversary Mass: Maureen Marriot John & Catherine Grant Reader: Siobhan Doyle, Collector: Brian Murphy Eucharistic Minister: David Carton

Wednesday 25th December @ 10am in Tynock Anniversary Mass: Richard Donegan, Tynock Reader: Mary Kelly, Kilmac, Collector: Paul O'Toole Eucharistic Minister: Tom Brady

Saturday December 28th @ 6:00pm in Talbotstown Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan, Collector: Brian Murphy Eucharistic Minister: Ben Lennon

Sunday December 29th @ 9:30am in Tynock Reader: Muireann Gartland Collector: Nigel Byrne

Eucharistic Minister: Ann Grant Byrne Saturday January 4th @ 6pm in Tynock Reader: Conor O'Leary. Collector: Paul O'Toole

Eucharistic Minister: Danny Byrne

Sunday January 5th @ 9:30am in Talbotstown Reader: Joe O'Brien, Collector: Tom Cremin Eucharistic Minister: Josie Finn

Monday January 6th @ 9:30am in Tynock

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1st Sunday – Morning Prayer @ 12 Noon 2nd Sunday - Holy Communion @ 12 Noon 3rd Sunday - Morning Prayer @ 12 Noon 4th Sunday - Holy Communion @ 12 Noon 5th Sunday – United Service for Group in Alternate Churches @ 11am

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KILTEGAN GAA NOTES

Congratulations & well done to Eoin Byrne from the Michael Dwyers Club who was selected as Wicklow Minor Hurler of the year for 2019. Eoin's selection was announced along with many more nominees at the recent County GAA Convention in Aughrim. Eoin had a superb year in Michael Dwyers. He has already collected the man of the match award for his performance in this year's Minor Hurling Championship, his 5 points from play his savage work weight & his stick work helped Dwyers to their first

ever Minor Championship against defending Champions Carnew. A well deserved award. Eoin will be presented with his award by special guest, former GAA president and current MP, Mr. Sean Kelly at the County GAA Gala Dinner Dance & Awards night in the Arklow Bay Hotel, on Sat 18th Jan 2020. A great year for the Byrne family, dad Peter also collected a Junior A Hurling Championship medal this year with Kiltegan. His mam Katherine is secretary of our County Coiste na Nog.



Croke park tickets for cars, holidays & cash prizes are now on sale from all club members at €10 per ticket with a special prize for local winners. Every ticket sold goes into our club development fund to fund the Astro Turf Pitch. All the prizes are sponsored by Croke park with no cost to the Club. The Camogie club are also on board with this draw and their club members will also be selling them. We encourage everyone in the community to get behind this fund raiser.

The last Lotto draw of 2019 will take place Sunday night in Katie Lowes. Our Club wish to thank everyone who purchased Lotto tickets during the year & all who helped to promote the Lotto and all our fund raising ventures during 2019. We look forward to your continued support in 2020.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2020.

LOOKING BACK 25 YEARS TO 1994

Sunday December 18th '94 we played our last match of the year. Laser-life League V Dunlavin. **Referee:** Ned Byrne **Final Score**: Kiltegan 2-5, Dunlavin 3-11. **Team**: M. Gartland, M. O'Toole, T. Kelly, E. Byrne, D. Hayes, L. Byrne, B. Doyle, J. Whelan, M.'Flash' Byrne, J. O'Toole, M. Murphy, P. 'Judy' Keogh, F. Gartland & T. Cremin. **No Subs**. **Scorers**: J. Whelan 1-2, P.'Judy Keogh 1-0, M.'Flash Byrne 2pts & D. Byrne 1pt. This brought a busy year to an end. We played our first match on the 6th of February. We played over 80 matches in 1994. Not County Minor or Under 21. Present players please note.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Our Village is again looking well this Christmas. The Christmas tree, Crib and lights outside the pub. This does not happen without the volunteers help. A huge thank you to Gerry Boland who looks after the lights and puts them up every year. Also, thanks to helpers Wayne Nolan, Paul Donegan and John Timmins. Thank you to John Garahy for supplying once again his heist to put up the lights and to Wicklow County Council for getting us funding for the lights. *Happy Christmas to you all.*



"Christmas with the Celtic Brothers", starring the Willoughby's, was a tremendous success. A very enjoyable night was had by all. The Willoughby's very kindly donated all CD sales on the night to our cause. This was a lovely surprise and added an additional €500 to our fund!



<u>Big thanks</u> especially Paul O Toole, Sean Furlong, Fr Pat O Brien, Mary Kelly, Evelyn Lawlor & Carmel Cremin. <u>Thanks so much</u> to everyone that contributed to the night. Storm Atiyah did not put off the determined audience, or the dedicated parking attendants. Go raibh maith agat to all tickets sellers, ushers, cleaners on the night. A very special thank you to all

the businesses that contributed to the raffle – your donations were extremely generous and helped us put on a bumper raffle.

To fund the Multi-Sensory Room will take at least €15,000. So far we have been able to raise €12,600 – of which a staggering €3,000 was raised through your efforts, support and patronage of the *"Christmas with the Celtic Brothers"* concert evening!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and wonderful 2020 from John Joe and Committee.



The Hub will close for the holidays on Saturday, December 21st @12.30pm and reopen on Monday, January 13th.



The Hub committee would like to wish all our staff, volunteers and customers a very Happy Christmas and thank you all for your support in 2019.



And we hope you can join us for our Christmas Gathering this Friday night from 7-9pm in the Hub



The Village Pantry is closed for the Christmas break. We will re-open again on Monday January 6th.

Kevin Barry 100

The Kevin Barry Committee wish to thank all Kiltegan Patrons for their support in the Christmas Draw. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and New Year



Ecumenical Community Carol Service St. Peters, Kiltegan

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What do you call a snowman with a six pack? *An abdominal snowman*

How can Santa deliver presents during a thunderstorm? *His sleigh is flown by Raindeer*

Why is it always cold at Christmas? Because it's in Decembrrrrrr

How do elves get to the top floor of Santa's workshop? *They use the elfator.*

Who delivers Christmas presents to cats? Santa Claws