

Current Opportunities

General Operative

(St. Mary's Parish, Baltinglass)

#CES-2249203

Environmental Worker

(Knockananna, Co. Wicklow)

#CES-2249196

Environmental Worker

(High Park, Kiltegan, Co. Wicklow)

#CES-2249200

Environmental Worker

(Baltinglass Tidy Towns)

#CES 2236096

Excellent opportunities available in all of these positions, for training & development whilst on the CE scheme. To check your eligibility/apply for any of these positions please attend the INTRO Office in Baltinglass (beside Borza) and provide the job application number above.

For further information on any of the above positions please contact:

Paula Boland (087) 140 4508.

Olivia Cooney (087) 449 7731.

For Sale:

**2004 Grand Vitara GV 1600
petrol 3 door.**

New NCT last week valid until

January 2024

Only 77200 miles

Fully recent service to include all fluids and oils

In very good condition underneath and wax oiled recently to keep it this way

New alternator fitted recently

Four very good tyres

A few scuff marks on body.

Inside of the vehicle is very clean.

Getting the Air conditioning re-gassed this week.

Please contact

Martin at 086-0552006

for more information

IRISH CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve

If you're looking for a Church packed to the rafters look no further than any Church in Ireland at midnight mass on Christmas Eve. This is a huge social gathering where family, friends, and neighbours who you may not have seen all year come together and celebrate Christmas. However, in some rural towns, you may see Midnight Mass taking place at 8pm!

A Light in the Window

One custom that many continue to observe is the placing of a candle in the window on Christmas Eve, a symbol to welcome strangers and to remember those who are far away from home. Now we have a permanent candle in the window of Aras an Uachtarain thanks to President Mary Robinson who famously re-adopted this custom during her term of office, to remember all the emigrants that had left Ireland and let them know the candle in the window would always be lighting to remember them and to show them the way home.

Boxes of biscuits

At Christmas every Irish household will have at least one box of 'good' biscuits! Although there are the traditional mince pieces, pudding, and chocolates too the biscuits and the rules about the tin are something that everyone remembers. There were about 10 types of biscuits in each layer of the tin, but you were not allowed to break through to the second layer without finishing the first layer. This would cause at least one fight a day among the family. The tins are typically filled with biscuits like pink wafers and bourbon creams.

Decorations / Holly wreath

The placing of a ring of Holly on doors originated in Ireland as Holly was one of the main plants that flourished at Christmas time, and which gave the poor ample means with which to decorate their dwellings. This is still a very popular tradition along with Christmas trees, fairy lights and other decorations and trinkets. Also traditionally, decorations would go up on December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and come down on Little Christmas January 6.

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner is traditionally comprised of a roast turkey, potatoes (of course!), brussels sprouts and various other veg. This is followed by mince pies, pudding, and Christmas Cake. However, don't be surprised if the woman of the house produces ham sandwiches about an hour after you have consumed your enormous meal – just in case you are feeling peckish!! That is what they call 'Irish Hospitality!'

FOCUS KILTEGAN



11th December 2022



**CHRISTMAS
TRACTOR RUN
KILTEGAN 2022**

Once again this year the Kiltegan Christmas Tractor Run committee

would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who made last Saturday 3rd December such a great success. To all our volunteers and stewards, who without their help we could not have run this event. There were so many that worked tirelessly in the weeks before the event but especially those who worked all day Saturday. It was truly a show of fantastic community spirit. To our judges for the competition of best dressed vehicles. None of us envied them their job and with such a high standard it was a difficult task to name the best on the night. Thank you again to everyone who brought a vehicle to take part in the run. There was such an amazing show of Christmas spirit and lights were seen from afar. Well done one and all! And to all those that attended the event to see the tractors and visit Santa and who so generously donated to our worthy causes this year.

#talk
(0818) 30 30 61

We would like once again to mention Talk to Tom Suicide Prevention and Awareness. They offer a range of varied services for the community. They include one to one, group and family counselling and therapy sessions. Child and adolescent services, bereavement support and community outreach programs. Check their website for more details on what services they have available:

www.talktotom.ie

Or phone them on (0818)303061

We haven't got the final figure on funds raised yet and the iDonate page is still open for another few days but the generosity shown by our communities is really unbelievable and very much appreciated. Once again a massive thank you and a very Merry Christmas to you all, until next year.

TYNOCK & TALBOTSTOWN
Fr. Pat O'Brien Fr. John McEvoy
059 9161114

Mass in the Oratory Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday Mornings @ 9.30am.

Sunday 11th December @ 9.30am Talbotstown
Anniversaries: Rosie, Liam & Matt Farrell
Englishtown and deceased members of the Farrell family

Breda Cremin, Kelsia (17th)

Reader: Fiona Kane

Sunday 18th December @ 9.30am Tynock

Anniversary: Kathleen Boland,

Kathleen Keogh Graigue (10th)

Reader: Muireann Gartland

Saturday 24th December @ 9.00pm Tynock .

Anniversaries: John & Nancy Grant

Richard Donegan, Ann Donegan(8),

Patrick Donegan(25),

Sunday 25th December @ 10.00am

Talbotstown.

Talbotstown & Tynock Church Collection

Offertory: € 109.90 Envelopes: €141.50

To book anniversaries for:
Tynock: Mary -086 2261264
Talbotstown: Josie -059 64 73971

Penence Service

Monday 19th @ 7.30pm Baltinglass,

Tuesday 20th @ 7.30pm, Rathvilly,

Wednesday 21st @ 7.30pm, Hacketstown.

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 24th @ 7.00pm Rathvilly,

Sunday 25th @ 11.15am Rathvilly

Condolence.

Sincere sympathy to Breedh Murphy and her family, on the death of her father Patrick Mc Tamney last weekend.
May he rest in peace.



KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE NEWS



Good Luck

Kiltegan GAA club wishes former chairman, committee member Damien Byrne the very best of luck on Monday night when he contests the position of Wicklow Co. Board Chairman for 2023 at the Co. Convention in Aughrim.

Congratulations to

Michael Dwyers who are through to the final of the U19 B football Championship after a great win over Michael Hogans on a score line of Michael Dwyers 0-07, Michael Hogans 0-02. Well done to all involved a great achievement.

They now play Rathnew in the Championship Final in Echelon Park, Aughrim on Sunday 18th December @ 11.00am.

Your support would be appreciated.



06-12-21-28

No jackpot winner
8 Match 3's € 25 each

Philip Brennan seller Christy O'Toole
Sunday Club seller Talk of the Town
Colm Toomey seller talk of the Town
Marie Lennon seller Maeve Foley
Stephen Beaty seller Kicker
Niamh Farrell seller Online
Breogan O'Brien seller Online
Shelly Burke seller Online

Next draw Monday 12th December
in Kiltegan Hall @ 8.00pm

JACKPOT €5,400



CONGRATULATIONS

Massive congratulations to our club man Ciaran Harmon and all the lads from Salesian Agricultural College on their win in both the 2022 Hurling and Football All Ireland Agricultural College competitions! This is the first time Salesian has won the Football All Ireland since 1996 and also the first time in the college that they have won the Football, Hurling and Football 7s in the same year in its 102 year history

A huge congratulations to another one of our club men **Colm Keogh** who won the Division 4 All-Ireland Higher Education Football League with Mary Immaculate Thurles. They Beat Cavan Institute 2-13 to 2-8 in the final in Abbotstown. Massive achievement for the lads, well done to the team and mentors



Our Minor Camogie team had a great win over Donard the Glen in the Semi-Final of the minor A camogie Championship at Kiltegan on Saturday. The final score Kiltegan 5-09 Donard the Glen 2-03. Another great performance by the team they lead from start to finish with our scores coming from Faye Corrigan 3-3, Aisling O'Toole 2-0, Sophie Birmingham 0-4, Eimear O'Toole, Sophie Shortall 1 point each. They now play Knockananna in the final.

BEST WISHES

Best wishes to our neighbours Knockananna Senior Camogie team this weekend, they would appreciate your support as they continue on the road for another All Ireland title.

They are out in the AIB All-Ireland Junior Semi final Knockananna v St. Dominic's (Roscommon)
Kinnegad GAA, N91C998
At 12pm Saturday 10th December

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Focus Office will be closing on 21st December for Christmas break.

All notices, advertisements or greetings to be sent to the office no later than 11am on Wednesday 21st.

The office will open again on 9th January 2023.

Contact us @ The Focus Kiltegan

<https://www.facebook.com/TheFocusKiltegan>



emailfocuskiltegan@hotmail.com

☎ (059) 6473330

Ads can also be dropped into the post box @ The Community Employment Office in Kiltegan. To place an ad costs €2.00.

All notices must be received before 3pm on Wednesday for inclusion that week.



OPEN NIGHT

The Staff of
Scoil Naomh Bríd
Talbotstown

are delighted to welcome you to our Open Night on

Wednesday 14th December from 7.00—8.00 pm.

Current and prospective parents are invited to meet our staff, our pupils and see examples of the fantastic work our pupils produce.

To finish the night, you will be treated to Christmas Songs performed by all classes.

Our Admission for September 2023 opens from 5th - 26th January. Application forms are on our website and will be available on the night.

We hope to see you there.



Stuck for ideas for your Elf here is one,

Snowman Nose
Rejection Centre.

PARISH LOTTO
(Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto)

10-15-23-30

No Jackpot Winner
12 Match 3's €84 each

No local winner
Draw takes place each Wednesday at 4pm in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Next draw Wednesday 14th December
Tickets €2 each.

New promoters welcome.

Next Weeks Jackpot €14,000



SOCIAL DANCING

Donard Hall Saturday 17th December
Music by : Teddy & Cathal Barry
Admission: €10

Dancing: 9.00pm — 12.00am
Refreshments served.

Donard Hall Eircode W91YW57
A great nights entertainment guaranteed.

**Ramblers and Social Dancing
December dates in Rathdangan**



The next Ramblers sessions is on
Friday 16th of December at 7.30 pm
in O'Toole Hall Rathdangan.

A great evening of music, song,
stories and craic.

Social Dancing in O'Toole Hall, Rathdangan
on Saturday 10th December.

For full details of everything happening in
Rathdangan see www.facebook.com/rathdangan