

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	#CES-2399508
Research Administration Assistant- Kiltegan	#CES-2411541
Cleaning Operative -Kiltegan	#CES-2418836
Sportsground Worker - Baltinglass Golf Club	#CES-2417989
Sports Ground Worker / Club Coach - Baltinglass GAA	#CES-2410035
Sports Ground Worker Club Coach - Baltinglass GAA	#CES-2415318
Environmental Worker -Baltinglass Tidy Towns	#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.

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

Madunkey's Expands with New Dinner & Sunday Lunch!

Baltinglass Golf Club

Madunkey's Restaurant @ The Golf Club is adding even more reasons to visit, with **new Friday & Saturday dinner service** and a **relaxed Sunday lunch** starting this month.

Under the new hours:

Wed: 10:00am-4:00pm

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

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

Sun: Sunday Lunch 10am-4pm

Owner **John Fitzpatrick** says the update focuses on "quality time, great food, and good company." Madunkey's will also launch its **Christmas Party Season on November 15th**, perfect for festive gatherings with family, friends, or colleagues.

For bookings, call **085 1249678**.
Madunkey's thanks all its loyal guests and looks forward to welcoming everyone soon!

CONTACT US HERE AT THE FOCUS ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

Email: focuskiltegan@hotmail.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/thefocuskiltegan>
Phone: 059 6473330.

Post/Drop off: West Wicklow Community Employment Office, The Green, Kiltegan, W91 Y38W.

ALL NOTICES/ADS MUST BE RECEIVED BY US BY 3.00PM ON WEDNESDAY FOR PUBLICATION THAT WEEK.

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



2 Bedroom House available to rent.

Please contact:
087 270 1551

FOCUS KILTEGAN



14th December 2025



We wish to say a huge thank you to the Community Employment participants that put up the Christmas Trees & Cribbs in Talbotstown & Tynock Churches during the week. Your hard work and help is greatly appreciated.

CONDOLENCE:

We offer sincere sympathy to Fr. Pat Murphy, his fellow society priests & to the family, friends & relatives of Fr. Rory O'Brien who died on December 2nd. His requiem Mass was celebrated in Church of the Assumption, Tullamore, followed by burial in Durrow Cemetery on Friday last.



with deepest
SYMPATHY

Ar dheis De go raibh a anam.

Christmas @ Rural Revival

Everyone Welcome

Sunday 21st at 12 noon & 7pm

Tuesday 23rd LIVE CRIB 11am to 5pm

Tea, coffee & treats, Face Painting & Balloon Twisting. Entertainment 12-3pm
Carol Singing at 3pm
FREE EVENT

Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve Service 7-8pm

Sunday 28th at 12 noon

"We teach truth, We Preach Peace & God Heals Hearts."

RURAL REVIVAL, CHURCH LANE, BALTINGLASS, W91YH72.

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

Sunday 14th December, Tynock, 9:30am
Anniversary: Pat Byrne, Tynock (17th Anv.)
Breda Cremin, Kelsha.
Reader: Nigel Byrne

Saturday 20th December, Talbotstown, 6:00pm
Anniversary: Kathleen Keogh (13th Anv)
Birthday Anniversaries for: Peter O'Keefe,
Laura McHugh & Evelyn Davis.
Reader: Siobhain Doyle

Wednesday December 24th, Talbotstown, 8pm
Christmas Vigil in Talbotstown
Anniversaries for: John & Catherine Grant
& Deceased Members of the Grant Family
Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan

Thursday December 25th, Tynock, 9:30am
Christmas Day Mass.
Anniversary: Richard Donegan
Reader: Mary Byrne

Sunday December 28th, Tynock, 9:30am
Reader: Lucilla Brophy

Sunday January 4th, Talbotstown, 9:30am
Reader: Fiona Kane

6th January 2026, Talbotstown, 9:45am
Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday January 10th, Tynock, 6:00pm
Reader: Conor O'Leary

Sunday 18th January, Talbotstown, 9:30am
Reader: Breedh Murphy

Collections:
Offertory: €84.12 Envelopes: €243.20

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

KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB NEWS

KILTEGAN GAA & CAMOGIE CLUB WISH TO SEND THEIR CONDOLENCES TO THE FOLLOWING:

The Furlong Family, Rathdangan, on the sudden passing of Mary Furlong, on December 7th. To her Husband Cyril, Sons Declan & Mark, Daughter Gemma, Son in-law Faustas, Daughters in-law Breda & Meabh, Grandchildren, Sisters, Brother, Family & friends, Our Sympathy.



Sean Byrne, Davidstown, Donard on the passing of his sister Kathleen. Sympathies also to her nephews John & Thomas.

The Byrne Family, Tinahely & Borris Co. Carlow on the passing of Hugh Byrne. To his wife Bernie (a former Kiltegan Camogie Club player) Sons, Daughter, Grandchildren, Brothers, Sisters, in-laws, family & friends, our Sympathy.



Congratulations & well done to Eimear O'Toole on being shortlisted for the Wicklow Camogie Senior Player of the Year 2025. A well deserved nomination. Results early in the New Year!

1976 LOOKING BACK TO 1976: 1976

Kiltegan Under 12 Football team won no Silverware but they competed in the West Championship. They beat Blessington 8-6 to 3-1 but lost their next match to St. Kevin's, they also played in the Teachers Cup.

Panel: J Byrne, A. Coleman, T. Cremin, S. Farrell, J. Brophy, M. Kelly, D. Byrne, H. Harmon, D. Simpson, D. Carroll, PJ Carroll, H. Cullen, T. Whelan, K. Byrne, K' O'Keefe, J. Cullen, S. Murphy.

At the end of the year '76, we had fielded Under 12, 14 & 16 Hurling teams, Under 12 & 14 Football teams, Intermediate + Junior Football teams, Senior + Junior Hurling teams. We played 47 adult matches with 59 players taking part.

On the financial side, we had an income of £4,977.17, down on the previous year, leaving the Club in the red, of £282.39. It was heavily debated at the A.G.M, how were we going to clear this debt. Some items discussed: Co. Board Affiliation & insurance £30, football £12.50, repairing football £5.50, calculator £7, All Ireland tickets £23, filling cups for celebration drinks £54.87, Hurlies & Balls £134.60, laundering of jerseys £29.85, medical expenses £86.05, training of teams £271, mowing field £6, printing reports/copy books £9.64.

Running a marquee was the top income at £2,220.39, expenses lighting etc. £1,776.58, raffles, field day seven-a-side tournament & our dinner dance were some of the fundraising done in 1976.



HURLING:

Michael Dwyer's Under 19 Hurling team lost out to Carnew in their second game of the County Under 19 Hurling Championship at a wet Knockananna on Sunday.

Final Score: MI Dwyer's 1-13, Carnew 2-16. The teams were level at half time, 1-8 each, but Carnew pulled away in the second half & closed out the game. They now qualify for the Final in 2 week's time, while Dwyer's have 1 more chance to do the same if they can beat Glenealy on Sunday in Glenealy. Again, lack of scoring power by Dwyer's was one of their downfalls. Scores: Conor Boland 1-9, Daniel Byrne 2 pts & Taylor Ryan + Josh Byrne, 1 pt each.

FROM THE ARCHIVES IN KILTEGAN

1965:

Any Kiltegan players who were minor age in '65, played with Baltinglass on September 25th 1965. Baltinglass accounted for Blessington in the Old IRA Cup Minor Championship, Michael Foley (Talbotstown) & Seamus Clynch were on the team.

On October 30th '65

Kiltegan Branch of Macra Na Tuaithe held a meeting in St. Tegan's Hall on a Monday night. The large attendance included Brian Graham & Terry Byrne. Willie Byrne, Tynock, was elected treasurer at the meeting. M. Brady, Agricultural Instructor, gave an interesting lecture on pigs, sheep & beet.

19th June '65:

Stratford beat Kiltegan by triple scores at High Park in the Teachers Cup. To date in this Competition, Stratford, Baltinglass & Kiltegan had won one & lost one each.

20th February '65:

Kiltegan Macra Na Tuaithe staged their play "Cassidy's Chair" in Ballon, Co. Carlow and won a Cup for the best play.

Best producer went to Miss Eileen Sheehy & actors Kathleen O'Brien, Breda Donegan & Noel Farrell were all awarded certificates.

CHRISTMAS FUN



Santa Toys Joy
Tinsel Frosty

VARIETY SHOW, RATHDANGAN:

After last year's great success, the Rathdangan Variety Show is back and tickets are now on sale for Friday 19th December at 8pm. Tickets are €10 and can be bought from John Cullen or John Coogan or online at www.rathdangan.com



SOCIAL DANCING, RATHDANGAN

Saturday 13th December 9pm-12 in O'Toole Hall, Rathdangan. Music by John Kenny and Marty Kinsella. Refreshments served.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK:

If you change the way you *look* at things, the things you *look* at change.

Strength shows, not only in the ability to persist, but the ability to start over.

Be GENTLE with yourself



EDT driving lessons available locally from RSA registered ADI.

Pre-test lessons & car hire available.

Phone: 087 268 8365
Email: hanlonsdrivingschool@gmail.com



KILTEGAN GAA LOTTO RESULTS

4-16-17-20
NO JACKPOT WINNER

3 match 3s, wins €70 each
Paul Hibbitts
(seller: Jimmy Farrell)
Aisling Farrell, Englishtown
(seller: Michael Farrell)
Catherine Doherty
(seller: Parkmore Stores)

Next week's draw takes place on
Monday 15th December
in Talk of the Town
@ 8.00pm.

JACKPOT €6,000.



CHURCH SERVICES IN THE KILTEGAN



UNION OF PARISHES

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER:

Sunday 14th December

10.00am in St John's Church, Moyne.
11.30am in St John The Baptist Church, Hacketstown.

Sunday 21st December

10.00am in St John's Church, Clonmore.
7.00pm Carol Service of 9 Lessons & Carols in St Peter's Church, Kiltegan followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.
All are welcome.

Christmas Day 25th December

10.00 am in St John the Baptist, Hacketstown.
11.30am in St Peter's Church, Kiltegan.

Sunday 28th December

10.00am Youth Carol Service in St John's Church, Moyne.
11.00am Family Service in St John's Church, Clonmore with Carols.

WHIST DRIVE:

Christmas Whist Drive will take place in St. Peter's Parish Centre, Kiltegan on Friday December 19th at 8pm. Top Score is a Hamper worth approximately €100.