



The community of Kiltegan would like to thank all the participants of West Wicklow Community Employment CLG for all the great work which you do in our community. We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2025

THANK YOU

to all the participants from West Wicklow Community Employment who help look after our churches and grounds throughout the year. The setup and decoration of our Christmas cribs and trees in our churches was looked after by them again this year with great pride. We are very thankful for all their good work in our community.



Whist Drive

Friday night 20th December
Christmas Whist Drive
in Kiltegan at 8.00pm.

Looking forward to
welcoming you all.

Christmas Message

As we celebrate Christmas and end 2024, I reflect on a busy year in our Kiltegan Rathvilly Parish Community. We have shared times of joy and sorrow. We have marked notable anniversaries and coped with our share of disappointments. It has been the first calendar year in which the Parish is served by a single priest. Our parish is fortunate to have four excellent schools for the education of our primary children. Each of them has just offered a Christmas concert in the days gone by. I would like to wish you all and the members of your extended families every blessing of joy and happiness at Christmas and in the year 2024. I wish to acknowledge the assistance of a great number of people in helping in our liturgies and parish celebrations. Thanks to our deacon Liam Dunne, the sacristans, musicians, readers, collectors, ministers of the Word and of Holy Communion, and to all who assist in any way in the building up of our parish and community. Looking forward to building on our strengths into the future as we 'Push out into the Deep'. Our Parish is in the same pastoral area as Baltinglass, Grangecon and Stratford. I invite people of all age groups to offer their services in any way you might like to help. Forging a future with our neighbouring parish of Baltinglass is a project you can all help in.

Together we are stronger.

Msr. John McEvoy PP

LIVE CRIB
A Saviour has been born to you
tea/coffee
balloon making
& treats!

@ RURAL REVIVAL
DEC 23RD & 24TH 2-5pm

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 7pm
Church Lane, Baltinglass, W91YH72

We at the Focus want to thank everyone for their business and support over the past year. We wish all our readers, promoters and distributors a very Happy & Peaceful Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

The next edition of the Focus will be weekendening 19th January 2025, if you wish to contact us please do so by email to focuskiltegan@hotmail.com or drop a message in the post box outside the door.

FOCUS KILTEGAN



22ND DECEMBER 2024

FOND FAREWELL!

It is with mixed emotion that WWCE would like to wish their long-term supervisor of nearly 10 years Paula Boland a fond farewell as she leaves WWCE to take on new employment next year. Paula has made a significant impact to the Community Employment Scheme during her time. We would like to express our gratitude for all of her team members and all of the WWCE participants over the years.

Paula's contributions to this organisation have been immense. We have no doubt that Paula's next job will appreciate her commitment & dedication to her good work as much as we have. Paula's departure is a great loss for us but an exciting new chapter for her.

Wishing you Paula every success and happiness in your new role.

Best wishes!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
A VERY
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



TYNOCK & TALBOTSTOWN
Fr. John McEvoy — 059 9161114

Saturday 21st December Talbotstown
@ 6.00pm

**Anniversaries for:
Kathleen Keogh (12th) and her husband
John Keogh whose anniversaries occurs
at this time.**

Reader: Mary Kelly, Feddan.
Christmas Eve 24th December: Vigil Mass
in Tynock @ 8.00pm.

**Anniversaries for: Richard Donegan,
John & Catherine Grant.**
Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

Christmas Morning 25th December
Talbotstown @ 10.00am.

Anniversary for: Charlie Brophy.
Reader: Fiona Kane.

Sunday 29th December Tynock @ 9.30am.
Reader: Mary Byrne.

Sunday 5th January Talbotstown @ 9.30am
Reader: Breedh Murphy.

Monday 6th January Feast of Epiphany
Talbotstown @ 9.45am.

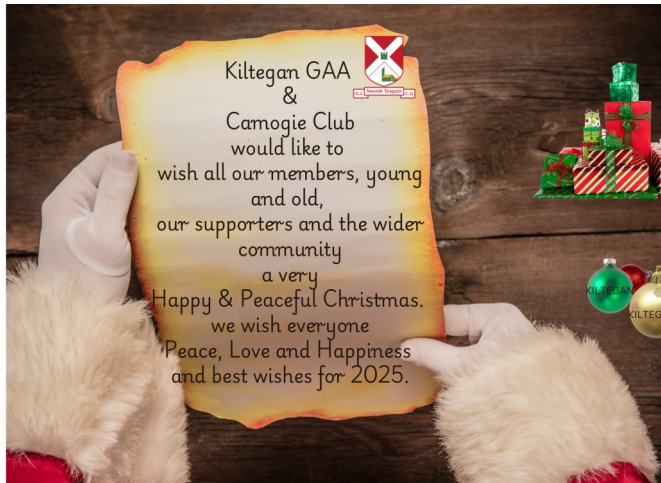
Saturday 11th January Tynock @ 6.00pm
Reader: Conor O'Leary.

Sunday 19th January Talbotstown 9.30am
Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

Collection
Offertery €96.97 Envelopes €500.00



Naomh Teagain



Kiltegan GAA Lotto Results 03-08-19-25

No Winner €10,600
4 match 3's €50 each

Jack Smith seller Nigel Byrne
Jeanett Monache seller O'Reilly's
Alan House seller Yearly Lotto
Voilet Jackson seller Voilet Jackson

Next week's draw takes place on
Saturday 21st December @ 6.00pm
in the

Talk of the Town.

Christmas Promoter's Winners

John Cullen
Michael Lennon
Madeline Foley

Christmas Draw Winners of €50

Elaine Byrne Kieran Harmon
Katelyn Doyle Noel Keogh
Mark & Louise Murphy Michael Farrell
Katelyn Whelan Harry Hanbidge
Ado Keogh Siobhan & Ned Doyle

Next weeks Jackpot €10,800

Kiltegan Lotto would like to wish all who contribute in any way to the smooth running of its draw every Monday. To all who buys a ticket, to those who distribute and collect the tickets we wish you all a very Happy & Prosperous Christmas & New Year.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

to
Roisin Timmins, Sarah Byrne
and special birthday wishes
to
Conor Boland Timmins

CONGRATULATIONS

To Knockananna Camogie team on
their great victory in the
All Ireland A Junior A Championship
on Saturday.

A fantastic achievement well done
to all involved.

Best of luck

Michael Dwyer's Under 19 Football team qualified for the final of the County U19 Championship with a fine win over Annacurra on Sunday morning in Kiltegan. Final score Michael Dwyer's 2-14 Annacurra 1-08. A game of two halves with a very slight breeze to help both teams. Dwyer's were ahead at the break 1-12 to 0-03 after playing some good football. They took their foot off the pedal in the second half which was dominated by the opposition in fact the 1-02 Dwyer's scored in the second half were scored in the last five minutes of the game.

They now play St. Kevin's in the final in Baltinglass on Sunday 22nd December @ 11am.



To all our readers near and far,
to those in hospital or nursing
homes we wish you all a very
Happy & Peaceful Christmas.

REMEMBRING JOAN CULBERT

One of the stalwarts of our Kiltegan village was laid to rest in St. Peter's cemetery on Friday. Joan Culbert nee Brisco served our community for over 70 years in her grocery shop until it closed some years ago. Joan qualified as an accountant but her life was in the village where she worked with her parents in the shop and when they went to their eternal rest she continued on with the business, selling groceries, oil and petrol and some light hardware goods, turf and coal etc. She married her husband Ted and raised four children and still managed the shop through thick and thin, recession and through three changes in currency from pounds, shilling and pence to decimal and finally to euro. She also ran a newsagents and at one time had a drapery department. Joans shop was a famous meeting point in the mornings for many ladies of our village where the in and outs of everyday life were discussed. Joan always had a cheery word for everyone who entered the shop. She supported many organisations in the village buying and selling tickets, putting up posters for many events. Joan was devoted to her church St Peter's where she played the organ along with her loyal friend the late Nora Hanbidge for most of her life. Joan was a pillar of our community and will be missed by everyone.
May she rest in Peace.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who contributed to Church Funds throughout the year.
Next years Weekly Envelopes are available in the Churches for collection.
Wishing you and your family every Blessing for Christmas and the New Year.



Congratulations to parents of baby
Anthony Jacob Stephenson
who was christened in
Talbotstown on Saturday.



CONGRATULATIONS

DEREK
&
JOANNE

WELCOME BABY

It's a Girl!
M&EABH



Thank You

As I conclude almost a decade serving as Community Employment Supervisor with West Wicklow Community Employment to embark on a new role, I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone I've had the pleasure to work with, particularly in the communities of Baltinglass, Knockananna, Rathdangan, High Park, and my cherished home village of Kiltegan.

First and foremost, thank you to all the community employment participants who work to enhance our communities; your work is valued and truly makes a difference to all the affected communities. To the volunteer sub-sponsor groups providing valuable placement and development opportunities for local people, keep up the fantastic work.

A special thanks to the dedicated volunteer Board of West Wicklow Community Employment CLG for your unwavering support to me in my role. Your selfless commitment for the benefit of others ensures the sustainability of our community employment scheme, which is vital for the future of so many local people and community groups.

To my colleagues, Yvonne and Sondrine, thank you for your support which has made my role significantly simpler, and I wish you both continued success in all your future endeavours.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve within these local communities.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and every success for 2025.

Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year

Paula Boland

