



# Skerries Parish Bulletin

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## Statement by the Bishops' Council for Life regarding the Report of the Department of Health on "Termination of Pregnancy" in 2019

In recent months Ireland has experienced the traumatic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic which has touched every sector of society. While many people have suffered emotionally and economically, we think immediately of those who have died, 1,735 people as of 30 June. Each one was a unique human being, created in the image of God, and each one's death is being grieved by a family, a friend, a community. Every human life is worthy of respect and care from the moment of conception to natural death.

The enormous contrast between the collective grief of the nation at the recent deaths of so many people, and the bland five-page report from the Department of Health, published on the same day, 30 June, which details the 6,666 – six thousand six hundred and sixty six – "Terminations of Pregnancy", which took place in Ireland in 2019, is staggering. The publication of the Government report is, however, a timely reminder for Irish society of the concrete consequences of the decision made in May 2018. The report, for those who will look beyond the statistics, represents a fresh call to conversion for individuals, for the political establishment and for society.

It is an important expression of our pro-life commitment that Catholics would commit to offering practical and emotional support to women who experience difficulty because of pregnancy. We encourage all our parishioners to be sensitive to this need in their own network of relationships and to support the various pro-life organisations which offer that kind of outreach.

(Extract from Statement: The full statement is available at [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie))

**OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY OF PEGGY COLEMAN, RIP, LATE OF MOURNE VIEW, SKERRIES. MAY SHE REST IN PEACE.**

**WE WELCOME DAIRE MCKENNA, RECENTLY BAPTISED INTO OUR PARISH FAMILY.**

### ANNIVERSARIES REMEMBERED

- ✠ Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 10am Anne Gibson (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv).
- ✠ Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>: 6pm Jim Martin, Maureen Byrne (nee Walls), Bob Laughlin and the Carroll Family, Laurie Hughes, Jack Clinton.
- ✠ Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> : 9.30am Willie Murphy.
- ✠ Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> : 11am William (Bill) Foran.
- ✠ Mon. 3<sup>rd</sup> : 11am Mass Cards.
- ✠ Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> : 10am John Ibar Carney.
- ✠ Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> : 6pm Jim & Lily Scanlan.
- ✠ Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> : 9.30am James & Josephine Dillon, Mary Murphy (RD).
- ✠ Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> : 11am Noel Cappock.

**Feastdays:** 1<sup>st</sup> Aug: St Alphonsus Ligouri,  
4<sup>th</sup> Aug: St John Vianney,  
6<sup>th</sup> Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord,  
**8TH AUG: ST DOMINIC.**

**ST PADRE PIO MASS, FRI. 7TH. AT 7.30PM**

**PLEASE NOTE: MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY,**  
Mass will take place at 11am.

**ACCORD Dublin** continues to provide **MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES** for couples in the diocese. Despite having had to cancel between March and July, we were able to reschedule for the majority of our couples and for those whose weddings were going ahead during this period, we delivered individual courses via Zoom. Our team of experienced facilitators is being assisted by 3 priests and a Deacon. The feedback from these courses has been overwhelmingly positive. Further information please contact: [lchambers@accorrdublin.ie](mailto:lchambers@accorrdublin.ie)

**Vacancies** - Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Service team for the Technical University Dublin (TU Dublin). The Archdiocese of Dublin is seeking to fill two full-time vacancies on a two-year fixed term basis. These roles form part of the Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Service team for the Technical University Dublin (TU Dublin). Role 1. Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Worker (PCCW) – All Campuses.

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Role 2. Pastoral Care and Chaplaincy Worker (PCCW) - Peer Mentoring Role for TU Dublin University.

Both roles offer dual support service as they provide both pastoral care and chaplaincy support for students and staff. They will complement existing student support services and provide associated social, emotional and spiritual support including holistic pastoral care.

If you think either of these roles are for you, please email your CV with a covering letter to [Judith.maxwell@dublindiocese.ie](mailto:Judith.maxwell@dublindiocese.ie) by **5.00pm Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020**. For more information go to <https://www.dublindiocese.ie/job-vacancies/>

**Part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies via Blended Learning** Interested in studying Theology in 2020? The one year, part-time Higher Diploma in Theological Studies at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, is now offered as a "Blended Learning" programme. Suitable for those with an undergraduate degree in any discipline (or equivalent). The course will run from September to May, with online lectures taking place on Wednesday evenings, complemented with self-directed study. There will also be 6 residential weekends over the course of the year. More details from: <https://maynoothcollege.ie/courses/higherdiploma-in-theological-studies>

For admission to the course or other details, please contact Barbara Mahon, at the SPCM - Admissions Office at: [admissions@spcm.ie](mailto:admissions@spcm.ie) ; +353 (0)1 708-4772

NB. If COVID-19 restrictions make the weekend residential impossible, these will be held virtually.

**DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies - Scholarships Available** Interested in studying theology, but need a flexible programme to suit your needs? The DCU BA in Theology and Religious Studies is just for you. This part-time, flexible programme is aimed at mature students, with lectures on Thursday evenings and a number of Saturdays throughout the year. For 2020/21, the programme will feature blended learning, with online and in-person learning opportunities. Scholarships are available for new incoming students. More info at [www.dcu.ie/dc300](http://www.dcu.ie/dc300), or contact Brad Anderson ([brad.anderson@dcu.ie](mailto:brad.anderson@dcu.ie))

**The Irish Hospice Foundation – 'How can teachers support bereaved children'** Irish Childhood Bereavement Network and Irish Hospice Foundation is hosting a free online webinar on 11th August from 2 - 3pm. This webinar is aimed towards teachers to help them prepare for bereavement questions/issues that may arise when schools open at the end of August. This is a free event but booking is required. Further information re booking can be found on the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/how-can-teachers-support-bereaved-children-in-the-classroom-tickets-113560564706>

### **Skerries Harps GAA Club**

Many thanks to all who are respecting the GAA protocols for spectators - due to the limit of 200, including players and match officials, there will be many unable to enter our grounds.

Admission to some games may be by Ticket Only. Check on website. Clubhouse remains closed and Car parking is restricted.

Sun 2 Aug. Senior Camogie v Cuala, home at 10 am

Wed. 5 Aug Senior Football Championship v Thomas Davis, home at 7.30 pm – **All Ticket game.**

Also Ladies Intermediate Championship v Castleknock, home at 7.30 pm.

Thur. 6 Aug. Junior Football Championship v St Finians, home at 7.30 pm

Skills Sessions for Juveniles on weeks commencing Aug 10 and Aug 17. The sessions will be free and cater for paid up CLUB MEMBERS ONLY who have completed a Registration form.

U8 Boys & Girls; U9 Boys & Girls  
U10/11 Boys & Girls; U12/13 Boys & Girls.

We will endeavour to arrange an activity for the youngest members of our academy also. Contact us through Facebook page with any queries. Club Shop is Open, regularly, during evening matches for purchase of shorts, socks, gumshields etc

Zingo results for Sun 26 July: 2-4-6-3-5-1-7 - no winners. Next week's Jackpot is €2,300 and the Dividend is €750. Zingo is our only source of funding during the pandemic. As envelope sales remain suspended we encourage regular weekly players to Play Online – see link on website. For updates on fixtures and club news see [www.skerriesharps.ie](http://www.skerriesharps.ie) or Facebook page.

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