



Mourners at the funeral of 10-year-old Dylan Coady-Coleman (below) at Mary Immaculate Church, Shannon, wore jerseys and odd socks, as requested by the family. Photo: Brendan Gleeson

# ‘He has given the gift of life’ – funeral mass of 10-year-old told of his ‘selfless’ organ donation

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## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) NOTICE OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

### Proposed Development Works at Skerries Harbour Pier, Skerries, Co Dublin.

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 177AE (4)(a) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended) notice is hereby given that Fingal County Council proposes to seek approval from An Bord Pleanála to carry out development works at Skerries Harbour Pier, Skerries, Co Dublin. The development works will include the following:

- Construction of a new sheet pile pier with a 3-meter offset to replace the existing sheet pile structure, which the effects of corrosion have compromised.
- Encasing a new sheet pile structure in a concrete facade introduces an impermeable layer to enhance the performance and longevity of the sheet pile.

A Natura Impact Statement (NIS) has been prepared for the proposed development. An Bord Pleanála may give approval for the development with or without conditions or may refuse the application for the development.

A copy of the plans and particulars including The Natura Impact Statement will be available for inspection or for purchase, for a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy, from **5th March 2024 until 16th April 2024** at the following locations:

- Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Co Dublin**  
Opening hours: Monday to Friday 09:00 - 16:30.  
Closed: Saturday, Sunday & Bank Holidays.
- Skerries Library, 56 Church Street, Skerries, Co Dublin**  
Opening Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 09:45 - 13:00, 13:45 - 17:00  
Tuesday & Thursday: 13:15 - 20:00  
Closed: Sundays  
Closed: Saturday & Monday on Bank Holiday Weekends
- Fingal Website: [www.fingal.ie/news](http://www.fingal.ie/news)**

Submissions or observations may be made to An Bord Pleanála on the proposed development in relation to:

- The implications of the proposed development for proper planning and sustainable development in the area concerned.
- The likely effects on the Environment of the proposed development, and
- The likely significant effects of the proposed development on European Site, if carried out.

Any submissions or observations may be made in writing to **An Bord Pleanála, 64 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1, DO1 V902** not later than **5.30pm on the 16th April 2024**.

A person may question the validity of a decision by An Bord Pleanála by way of an application for judicial review, under Order 84 of the rules of the Superior Courts (S.I. No.15 of 1986) in accordance with Section 50 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended). Information in respect of the judicial review process can be accessed on the Board's website [www.pleanala.ie](http://www.pleanala.ie) or on the Citizens Information Service website [www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

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## Dylan Coady-Coleman remembered as a kind, funny boy whose death brought a ‘dark cloud’

CIAN Ó BROIN

The funeral of Dylan Coady-Coleman (10), who was killed in a road accident in Clare, has been told there is “a dark cloud over the community” since his death but that he had also “given the gift of life”.

Dylan died on Wednesday morning at the Children’s Health Ireland hospital at Temple Street, Dublin, just one day after becoming a big brother.

Baby Shane and Dylan met in hospital just before his death last week.

Hundreds of mourners gathered at Mary Immaculate Church in Tullyglass in Shannon yesterday afternoon in jersey tops and odd socks, as requested by the family, to pay respects to a “precious member of our community”.

His heartbroken family walked in to Liverpool’s anthem *You’ll Never Walk Alone* as they sat down facing Dylan’s white coffin, draped in a Liverpool flag and adorned with framed photographs encapsulating his short life.

“Dylan’s accident and subsequent passing certainly brought a stop to this parish. It is almost as if a dark cloud just covered Shannon,” said Fr Tom Whelan, who is co-parish priest.

Fr Whelan said there was a great sense of wanting to help the family.

“We all want to do something to help but sadly we cannot change the reality that is now present,” he said, adding that there was a “huge sense of shock and sadness”.

Dylan was described as a very normal and very lovely child and that there was something “very caring about him, something easy to attach to and that he was a loving child”.

Mourners were told of the particular sadness in St Tola’s National School in Shannon, with “so many tears in the eyes of teachers” where Dylan was attending fourth class and “held in such high regard”.

Fr Whelan retold a story from one of the teachers last week, who recalled a discussion in the classroom about organ donation and what it was and what it meant.

“When Dylan came home that day, that was



what he talked about. It really was the top of his agenda that day. He said he certainly wanted to be an organ donor,” Fr Whelan said.

“Sadly, nobody thought it would happen so quickly.”

Mourners were told how Dylan will “live on through his selfless act of giving the gift of life” by donating his organs to five people following his death.

His family gave thanks to the commitment of doctors and nurses, especially those in Temple Street Children’s Hospital, University Hospital Limerick and the Rotunda Hospital.

Prayers were also said for all emergency services around Ireland, particularly the fire brigade, paramedics, Cork Air Ambulance and An Garda Síochána.

Dylan’s relative Claire and sister Zoe recited a poem they had written for him while he was in hospital about all the reasons they love him.

“Why we love Dylan: because he is the best, because he helps when I am hurt, because he cares about us. How he takes care of Nan and Mom. How he is super funny,” they said.

“How he helps Grandad in the garden. How he is kind. How he reads me books.

“How he annoys Dad with his quirky ways. We just love him.”

Symbols representing Dylan’s “short 10 years of life” were brought to the altar, the first of which were a series of jerseys: Liverpool, Shannon Town United, an Ireland rugby top and a kickboxing shirt.

An Xbox was brought to the altar to signify Dylan’s love of video games, along with several toys he loved to play with, including pieces of Lego which were “close to his heart”.