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**To: All the young people preparing for Confirmation, Parents and Teachers.**

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well in these unusual times. I miss you all very much. I miss the visits to your school; meeting you, your teachers and the school personnel. I miss you at Mass and our special Masses of preparation for Confirmation. I miss meeting your parents.

The headline in yesterday's Irish Times newspaper said; "Majority of Young People say they feel Anxious". This was based on an online poll carried out by Amarach Research on behalf of young social innovators this month. It is a fact that many people, young and old, feel anxious. We don't know what the future holds. I encourage you to pray and to continue to come to know Jesus in a personal way. What helps us all to have courage to face the challenges and difficulties of life is to know and truly believe that we are not on our own, there is a Higher Power to guide us, love us and protect us. I encourage you to pray daily the Prayer of the Holy Spirit.

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
Enkindle in us the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit, and we shall be created,  
And you shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful  
by the light of the Holy Spirit,  
Grant us in the same spirit to be truly wise,  
And ever to rejoice in his consolation,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

In Kinsale parish we are lucky to have a webcam in our church. You can participate at our Masses from your home. I invite you to gather as a family and create your sacred space. Use whatever you have at home; for example a table cloth, a crucifix, a picture of Jesus, Holy Water, flowers, a candle. Log onto [www.kinsaleparish.org](http://www.kinsaleparish.org) and click on Live Church Streaming. Masses are at 6.30pm on Saturdays, 10.00am and 12.00pm on Sundays.

As we approach the month of May we would all have been looking forward to your Confirmation Day on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, I don't know when Confirmation will be this year. We will have to wait until we will be able to gather safely. All our leaders, parents, government, health professionals, education professionals and the community are doing a great job to keep everyone safe. It is important to follow the recommended guidelines as nobody has all the information about how to deal with the Corona virus.

Meanwhile, I encourage you to keep safe, pray, continue preparing for your Confirmation with the guidance of your parents and teachers. I invite you to read the attached letter from Jesus. It is based on the words of Sacred Scripture. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you hear and understand God's Word.

I look forward to seeing you all again very soon, when it will be safe.

May the peace of the Risen Jesus be with you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Young".

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Fr. Robert Young

### **WHAT JESUS WOULD LIKE TO SAY TO YOU**

My little child, I love you. (John 15:9)

I have called you by your name, you are mine. (Isaiah 43:1)

Before I formed you, I knew you. And before you were born, I consecrated you. (Jeremiah 1:5).

You did not choose me, I chose you. (John 15:16).

Beloved, I wish above all things that you prosper and be in good health, even as your soul prospers. (3rd John 2).

Because you are precious to me, and honoured, I love you. (Isaiah 43:4).

I have loved you with an everlasting love and I will continue my Constant love. (Jeremiah 31:3).

How can I abandon you? My love for you is too strong. (Hosea 11:8).

I love you so much that I hung on the cross at Calvary. I died for you, and if you believe in Me you will have everlasting life (John 3:16).

Can a woman forget her own baby and not love the child she bore? Yet, even should she forget, I will never forget you. I cannot forget you. See, I have carved you in the palm of my hands. (Isaiah 49:15-16).

or I, the Lord your God, am holding you by the right hand. (Isaiah 41:13).

I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS UNTIL THE END OF THE WORLD (Matthew 28: 20).

Do not let your heart be troubled, trust in me. (John 14:1).

I will help you. (Isaiah 41: 14).

When you pass through the deep waters, I will be with you. Your troubles will not overwhelm you. The hard trials that will come will not hurt you. (Isaiah 43:2).

When you walk through the valley of the shadows of death, do not be afraid because I am with you. My rod and my staff will comfort you. I will lead you in the path of righteousness. (Psalms 23).

I will give you peace in the midst of a storm, not as the world gives. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27)

Peace I give which will pass all understanding and shall keep your heart and mind. (Philippians 4:7).

When you lie down do not be afraid, your sleep shall be sweet (Proverbs 3: 24).

My love for you will keep your dwelling safe (Psalm 4:8).

Beloved my eyes are upon you and I will give you hope, for I am merciful (Psalm 33:18)

You will have access to my grace and rejoice in hope while sharing in the glory of my Father. (Romans 5:2).

I will give you joy and peace. The mountains and hills will sing, and the trees will clap their hands before you. (Isaiah 55:12)

You may have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice and no one will take your joy from you. (John 16:22).

Do not worry (Luke 12:9).

Even the hairs of your head have all been counted, so there is no need to be afraid of anything. (Matthew 10:30).

The mountains may depart and the hills will be shaken but my steadfast love for you will never end. (John 54:10).

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened , and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28).

Come, my love (Solomon 2:10).

Come, I will lead you into solitude and there I will speak tenderly to your heart.

I will be true and faithful. I will show you constant love and make you mine forever. I will keep my promise, and you will really know me then as never before. (Hosea 1:14, 19-20).

I AM WHO I AM (Exodus 3:14).

I am the Lord your God. (Hosea 13:4).

Your Faithful Friend,  
Jesus Christ,  
your Saviour