

## COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

**ALONE** has launched a national support line and additional support for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., by calling 081 822 2024.

Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

**Third Age Ireland** Third Age Ireland is a national organisation who take care of the elderly. SeniorLine is one of their programmes and could be very helpful to you at this time. SeniorLine has been the national, confidential listening service for older people, run by trained older volunteers since 1998. This peer-to-peer helpline for older people receives in excess of 10,000 calls per year. If you are feeling worried, stressed or isolated at this very unnerving time, please feel free to ring this FREEPHONE service anytime between:

10am and 10pm on any day of the week on **1800 80 45 91**.

### A Prayer for Workers *During this time of the Coronavirus COVID-19*

Loving God,  
we place into your care  
all our doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.

And all who work in frontline services

Give them courage of heart  
and strength of mind and body.

Keep them safe from harm.

May they know our deep gratitude

for all they are doing  
to heal and help at this time.

God of all consolation

may they know your protection and peace.

Bless them in these challenging days  
and bless their families.

**Amen.**

### Safeguarding

If you are concerned about the welfare & safety of children or vulnerable adults contact the

**Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) –**

**Mr. Mick Daly**

Mob: 085-8021633,

### Holy Water

I am aware that there is a tradition with some farmers of blessing new born stock at Easter time. Also many people like to have Holy Water in their home. I have Holy Water available from the Parish Centre any morning during the week. Feel free to drop in and collect some.

Have a Blessed Week

**Ballymurphy...BORRIS...Rathanna**

**26th April, 2020, 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A**

## Parish News

### First Holy Communion & Confirmation

**Since sending out a text message re Confirmation and First Holy Communion during the week I have received this email from Bishop Nulty. *Fr Rory***

I am very aware that we are entering the 'high season' for First Holy Communion ceremonies. I am also conscious that 39 out of our 56 parishes have not yet celebrated Confirmation. In honesty it is difficult to see a huge change post the current restrictions, which expire on May 5th. With that in mind, as First Holy Communion ceremonies are already diared for the weekends of May, I suggest they, like Confirmation ceremonies, are now postponed until we get further guidance regarding large public gatherings.

I want to thank all who are doing great work in helping prepare our young people for the sacraments.

This is a hugely regretful decision. While the ceremonies may be postponed, the preparation continues. In early May resources will be sent out by email for parishes and for schools and available to families and the wider community on the KandLe website.

***Bishop Nulty***

With Love We Remember...

Sunday 26th April 11am

Renata Kempka, Poland, 1st Anniversary  
Breda Doran, Ballyphenan

Tuesday 28th April: Breda Doran, Ballyphenan

Wednesday 29th April: Kitty & Paddy Kinsella, Currane

Thursday 30th April: Katherine Rice, Main Street Borris

All Masses via Webcam from  
The Sacred Heart Church Borris  
Until Further Notice  
[www.borrisparish.ie/webcam](http://www.borrisparish.ie/webcam)

### A Coronavirus Prayer

*Loving and healing God,*

we, the people of Kildare & Leighlin turn to you in prayer,  
confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment.  
We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection.  
May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

Generous God, fill us with compassion and concern for others, young and old,

that we may look after one another in these challenging days.  
Bring healing to those who are sick with the virus and be with their families.

May those who have died rest in your eternal embrace.

Comfort their family and friends.

Strengthen and protect all medical professionals caring for the sick  
and all who work in our medical facilities.

Give wisdom to leaders in healthcare and governance  
that they may make the right decisions for the well-being of people.

We pray in gratitude for all those in our country who will continue to work in  
the days ahead in so many fields of life for the sake of us all. Bless them and  
keep them safe. *O God of creation and life,*  
we place ourselves in your protection.

May the mantle of your peace enfold us this day and tomorrow.  
St Brigid, pray for us. St Conleth, pray for us. St Lazerian, pray for us.  
May all the saints of God, pray for us. **Amen.**

### Contribution to Parish

These are very challenging times for all of us  
spiritually, emotionally and financially.

While we are having no public mass, the parish is not receiving any income from the normal church collections.

If you are in a position to do so, any financial contribution you can make will be very much appreciated.

**You can drop in your weekly envelope donation in the Borris Parish Centre or the Parochial House.**

You can also make your donation to the parish by electronic banking. Follow the link on our Parish Web Page,

**[www.borrisparish.ie](http://www.borrisparish.ie)**

Thank you.

***I sought to see the Face of God, I climbed the highest steeple,  
But God declared, "Go down again, I live among my people."***

John Henry Cardinal Newman (Adapted)

**Sadly the three Churches in our parish remain closed until further notice due to the Covid19 (coronavirus) outbreak.**

**It is with great sadness that this has to be done  
but it is for a greater good.**

**We continue to pray for an end to  
the darkness of this virus across our world.**

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