GOSPEL READINGS:

FOR THE COMING WEEK:

STARTING MONDAY 22ND JANUARY 2024:

 Mon. Mk .3: 22-30
 Tues. Mk.3: 31-35

 Wed Mk. 4: 1-20
 Thurs Mk16: 15-18

 Fri. Lk.10: 1-9
 Sat. Mk.4: 35-41

Sun. Mk.1: 21-28

ENROLMENT FOR GREEN LANE SCHOOLS:

Enrolment forms available on the link below for the Green Lane Schools, Scoil Bhríde / Scoil Mhuire / Scoil Eoin Phóil, for mainstream Junior Infants

for September 2024 and for Scoil Bhríde & Scoil Mhuire ASD Class for September 2024. Closing date 2nd February 2024: Link to application form

https://www.aladdin.ie/i/6536346901676032

CONFEY PARISH 401H ANNIVERSARY!

The church of St Charles Borromeo – Confey Parish was constituted a Parish on the 22nd May 1984.

Leixlip & Confey were combined in February 2021.

2024 marks the 40th Anniversary of Confey Parish.

Lots of events are being planned to celebrate this Jubilee and we will be updating you each week on all the fantastic plans for this celebration.

LEIXLIP/CONFEY FAMILY HOME FAITH GROUPS (CELL GROUPS):

The Parish Cells follow the format of the early Church, forming small faith communities, gathering in homes. Cell communities are committed to the formation of centres of prayer and evangelisation throughout the parish.

In 2015 Pope Francis told cell communities "meet in homes to share the joys and expectations that are present in each person's heart. Your Cells are a genuine experience of Evangelisation that is very similar to what happened in the early days of the Church ".

For further information please contact:

Leixlip:

Donal Fallon 087 9277971 or Bridie Clancy 087 7034429

Confey: Bridie Flynn 087 9535719. Celbridge: Maura Duggan 087 4141706. Morning Group: Mary 087 6205435.

Next Meeting date in February 2024

Tuesday: 6th & 20th & everyone is welcome to attend.

LEGION OF MARY:

Meet every Thursday at 7.15pm In: Our Lady's Parish Centre – Room 3:

When you walk in the door of Room 3 for a Legion meeting at 7.15, your attention will be drawn to the little 'altar' of Our Lady, the white embroidered cloth, the statue of Mary in blue and white, 2 vases of flowers, 2 lit candles and the small Legion standard surmounted by the image of the Holy Spirit. Photos show similar scenes in the 1920s as members, side by side, started with the Rosary which focused all attention on Our Lady, Mother of Jesus, prior to the meeting proper. With such preparations as these, they were assured of her blessing and the love, joy and peace she bestows on all her devotees, whatever the circumstances in the world outside.

RECENTLY DECEASED:

+ Patrick (Paddy) McCartney - Glendale: + Ursula Pierce - Ryevale Lawns. + Hugo Gallagher - Ryevale Lawns- month's mind: + Finola O'Neill - Maynooth - month's mind:

Lord draw near to those who mourn and dry the tears of those who weep

LEIXLIP SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPORTS CLUB:

Are holding a Table Quiz & Raffle: **ON:** Friday 9th Feb at 8pm **IN:** St Mary's G.A.A Green Lane.

€10 per person

All support is greatly appreciated.

SPRINGFIELD HOTEL - LEIXLIP ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS DINNER:

Will take place **ON:** Wednesday 24th January 2024 **FROM**: 3pm to 7pm:

Coach times & collection points:

Confey GAA 2.05pm: Riverforest 2.10pm:
Barnhall S.C. 2.20pm: St Mary's GAA 2.25pm:
Return transfers to the same locations shortly after 7pm:
Invitation only event.

FEBRUARY MAGNIFICAT:

Is now available in Our Lady's Parish Shop.

There is a fantastic selection of cards for all occasions, books, candles, religious goods plus lots more so please call in and support your local parish shop.

THANK YOU! Church Basket Collections:

First Collection is in support of the priest of the diocese including sick & retired priests: **Second Collection** is in support of the Share Fund to

help disadvantaged parishes.

LEIXLIP:

Sunday 14th January: 1st Collection €1765. 2nd Collection €1250.

CONFEY:

Sunday 14th January: 1st Collection €520. 2nd Collection €365.00.

<u>CANDLEMAS DAY:</u> <u>FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024:</u> <u>FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD.</u>

Candlemas is celebrated on 2nd of February and marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity.

Candles are now available in both Parish Offices & in Our Lady's Parish Shop (Leixlip Parish).

Please get your candle in advance and then bring it along to morning Mass on Friday 2nd February when they will be blessed.