GOSPEL READINGS:

FOR THE COMING WEEK:

STARTING MONDAY 29THJANUARY 2024:

 Mon. Mk .5: 1-20
 Tues. Mk.5: 21-43

 Wed Mk. 6: 1-6
 Thurs Lk. 6: 32-38

 Fri. Lk. 2: 22-40
 Sat. Mk.6: 30-34

Sun. Mk.1: 29-39

CONTEY PARISH 40TH 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 more updates to follow shortly.

ST JOSEPHS YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY:

St Joseph's Young Priests Society exists to help students on their journey to priesthood. It assists students for the priesthood both financially and by prayer.

The next monthly meeting of the Leixlip Branch takes place after 9.30am mass on Wednesday 31st January 2024 in Our Lady's Parish Centre.

New members are especially welcome to attend.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW THIS LENT?

Why not try our one night per week, 6 week Lenten Programme starting on Ash Wednesday (Feb 14th) in Our Lady's Parish Centre, Leixlip 7.45 to 9pm followed by tea.

This programme **entitled "Living words – Keeping Scripture Alive Today"** will have a different theme each evening presented by a different speaker. Participants will receive a small handbook with inspiring Scripture Quotes for reflection during the week. Full detail's in next Week's Newsletter.

Everyone welcome.

GROUPS (CELL GROUPS):

Next Meeting dates in February 2024

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

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.

LEGION OF MARY:

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

God has given us Mary as a channel of every grace which Jesus won on Calvary. In union with her we can approach Him more effectively and win graces more freely.

She is His Mother after all and the spouse of the Holy Spirit. With full faith in this office of Mary, the Legion urges special devotion to her from its members all across the world.

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES:

A parishioner is travelling to Lourdes in February and has kindly offered to take your petitions/intentions. Envelopes with your petitions/offerings can be dropped into the Parish Office in Leixlip or Confey by Tuesday 6th Feb (latest).

RECENTLY DECEASED:

- + Mary Bridgemen (Wogansfield) Month's Mind:
 - + Joe Matthews (Leixlip Park) Month's Mind:
- + Jim Savage (formerly Newtown) Month's Mind:
- + Ann Collins (Glendale Meadows) Month's Mind:

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

<u>LEIXLIP SPECIAL OLYMPICS</u> <u>SPORTS CLUB:</u>

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.

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.

<u>ST BRIGID'S CROSS!</u>

We have St Brigid's Cross (two sizes) available in Leixlip Parish Shop and in Confey Parish Office.

They are handmade in Strokestown, Co Roscommon with rush from the Shannon.

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 21st January: 1st Collection €1850. 2nd Collection €1275.

CONFEY:

Sunday 21st January: 1st Collection €470. 2nd Collection €320.00.

CANDLEMAS DAY: FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2024: FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD.

Last chance to get your candles during the week and bring them along to morning Mass on Friday 2nd
February when they will be blessed:

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).