Unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service. Let us ridicule Jesus and the leaders of the people who condemned Jesus to death on the cross, Herod who like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Luke. We are challenged to examine our own lives.

The passage from Acts 10:34-43 describes how the city of Jerusalem, a distance of two miles, received Jesus with a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Luke. We are challenged to increase our faith and strengthen our lives as a result of our healing, reconciliation, and assist us in our dying to sin and rising with Jesus, Our God’s love for us, expressed through the suffering and death of Jesus, by loving others.

HOLY WEEK 24 MARCH
Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7.00pm Night Prayer - 10.00pm

GOOD FRIDAY 25 MARCH
Stations of the Cross - 9.30am Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion - 3.00pm

HOLY SUNDAY 26 MARCH
Morning Prayer - 9.15am Easter Vigil - 8.00pm

EASTER SUNDAY 27 MARCH
Mass 8.00am & 9.30am

BEACHLANDS
GOOD FRIDAY 25 MARCH
Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion - 3.00pm

HOLY SUNDAY 26 MARCH
Easter Vigil - 7.00pm

Volunteers are still needed for the various ministries for Holy week. Please put your name down if you can help. Sign up sheets are in the foyer.

HELPERS PLEASE!!
MORE HELP NEEDED
For Good Friday Stations of the Cross Procession
We still need another 7 family groups or couples to put their names forward to help with the leading of a Station in our Good Friday procession. We need 2 people to help with the prep of the hot cross buns and also cross carriers on the day. Please leave details with the parish office or email Fran at fivecarn@hotmail.com Thank you.

YEAR OF MERCY
QUOTE
To let go of anger, wrath, violence, and revenge are necessary conditions to living joyfully. Let us therefore heed the Apostle’s exhortation. “Do not let the sun go down on your anger.” (Eph 4:26)
What anger do you need to let go of? What is holding you back from reaching out to forgive?

HOLY THURSDAY 24 MARCH
Our Lady Star of the Sea School
Reading Tutor Programme
We are intending to run this successful reading programme across our Year 4-6 classes again this year. The programme entails working with students supporting their reading and comprehension for 2 sessions a week (one hour each time). You work with the same 3 students each session for a 20 minute one on one session.
Training is provided for all who work with the children. If you would like to volunteer again or wish to train as a new volunteer, please contact the school office on 528 0195 or email office2@arothsea.school.nz to leave details.

REMEMBER THIS SUNDAY’S READINGS
Is. 50:4-7; Ps. 22; Phil. 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS
Acts 10:34-43; Ps. 118; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor. 5:6-8; John 20:11-9 or Luke 24:1-12

Launch of the Cause for the Sainthood of Rev. Antoine Garin s.m.
14th April 2016 Mass @ 7.30 pm St. Michael’s Church. 6 Beatrice Rd, Remuera, Auckland 1847 - 1850

Founded Howick and Panmure Parishes, built the first church at Otahuhu.

HUNT FOR THE WILDERPEOPLE
Carmel College old girl, Loren O’Sullivan, is now the Director of NPH New Zealand, helping orphaned and abandoned children in Latin America. Come along and support these Catholic orphanages by watching a fantastic movie about a Kiwi orphan who “goes bush” with his foster dad - “Hunt for the Wilderpeople.” Based on a Barry Crumpl novel - a great comedy from the Director of Boy. There will be 5 fly-ins from the movie speakers for the night! Get in quick for tickets: nphmovie.eventbrite.co.nz 4th April, Lido Cinema, 8.10pm

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
We will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday with the chaplet of divine mercy, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. 4pm Sunday 3rd April. Saint Marks Church Pakuranga. All welcome.

EDUCATION IN FAITH
Teacher required
Interested, please contact Paul on 533 9676 for details.

In celebration of Easter and in your own personal prayer, please remember
Recently Deceased
Cecilia Peer
Mark Devane
Helen King
Margaret Field
Francis Deane
Grenville Purchase
Others who have died
Kelly Blankensop (6th Ann)
Colin Quindin (3rd Ann)
Henry Cary (2nd Ann)
Dorothy Mahoney (23rd Ann)

LET'S PRAY FOR OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES
Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord and perpetual Light may they rest in peace. Amen.

This is a reminder to please leave details with the Parish Office to add or remove names in the prayer list. Thank you.

YOUTH CONTACT...
Youth group (13-18) or Young Adults 18+
Contact:
mukhtar.incy@hotmail.com 021 205 8513, 530 8522. Facebook message (Anthony Safaa Mukhtar)

Diocesan Activity:
To keep up-to-date with Diocesan events please visit the website www.acykovan.org.nz

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
8 - 15 May

Baptism Cause
Thursday 14th March, 7pm in the Parish Centre

Monthly Baptism
Sunday 24th April 11am

St Vincent de Paul Committee
Meeting every first Wednesday 10.00am (downstairs)
Food bank open every Wednesday after 9.15am Mass.

Help needed?
Please contact David on 273 8859 or Patsy on 534 3940

For the sick

Get in quick for tickets: nphmovie.eventbrite.co.nz 4th April, Lido Cinema, 8.10pm

St Michael’s Church, Auckland church

4th Sunday of Lent
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The first part of today’s Gospel describes the royal reception Jesus received from his admirers, who paraded with him from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem, a distance of two miles. In the second part of today’s Gospel, we may take part in a reading of the Passion of Christ according to Luke. We are challenged to examine our own lives in the light of some of the characters in the story like Peter who denied Jesus, Judas who betrayed Jesus, Pilate who acted against his conscience and condemned Jesus to death on the cross, Herod who ridicule Jesus and the leaders of the people who preserved their positions by getting rid of Jesus.

Let us always remember that a Christian without Christ is a contradiction in terms. Let us become transparent Christians during this Holy Week, enabling others to see in us Jesus’ universal love, unconditional forgiveness and sacrificial service.

The Church celebrates today as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Today’s liturgy combines contrasting moments of glory, the royal welcome given to Jesus by his follower), and suffering, the drama of his unjust trial culminating in his crucifixion. Holy Week challenges us to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation, to appreciate gratefully the price Jesus paid for our salvation, and to return God’s love for us, expressed through the suffering and death of Jesus, by loving others.

Our meditation on these Paschal mysteries should assist us in our dying to sin and rising with Jesus, resulting in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Proper participation in the Holy Week liturgy will also deepen our relationship with God, increase our faith and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus.