

ST MARY'S STAR OF THE SEA PARISH, SORRENTO, PORTSEA & RYE

Located at the southern end of the Peninsula our Parish includes the townships of Portsea, Sorrento, Rye, Tootgarook and St. Andrews Beach. Our churches are St. Thomas', Portsea, St. Mary's Star of the Sea, Sorrento and Holy Family Church, Rye. Our local Catholic schools are St. Joseph's School in Sorrento for years Prep to 6 and Padua College, Rosebud.

This Parish was placed in the care of The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in 1926. The Oblates came to Sorrento from Fremantle, WA to serve the local community and to establish a Mission House and Novitiate to prepare young men for the Priesthood, building the large two storey house that is still used today as the Parish Office and Presbytery.

I arrived in Sorrento in April 2023 and served as Assistant Priest until I was appointed as Parish Administrator of Sorrento by Archbishop Comensoli and the Provincial of the Oblates, Fr. Christian Fini OMI in January this year.

This year has been a busy one for the Parish. We have established a Parish Pastoral Council, created a Eucharistic Chapel at Holy Family Church and installed equipment in our churches at Sorrento and Rye for the visual display of our Liturgies.

Holy Mass is celebrated at St. Mary's Star of the Sea for the students of St. Joseph's School every month with Reconciliation at Lent and Advent. Recently I celebrated Mass for Gould House at Padua Rosebud, and concelebrated Mass at Padua Mornington on the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua.

Every third Friday of the month at Sorrento and every 3 Thursday of the month at Holy Family Church the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is conferred at the end of the morning Mass.

I visit Calvary Rye Sands Nursing Home every Tuesday to administer Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick to the residents.

If you would like to learn more about our Parish or find our Mass times see our website Sorrento Catholic Parish www.melbcatholic.org/s/sorrento . If you would like to enquire about Sacraments please call us on 5984 4374.

We would love to see you at our Masses, and we would like to invite the Padua College Choir to come along and sing at our weekend Masses to beautify the Liturgy of the Mass. We invite young men to discern the Oblate Priesthood, to find out more see the Missionary Oblates website www.omi.com.au or call me anytime.

Fr. Angelo Wijewickrama OMI
Parish Administrator