

Italian Community celebrate the Feast of Sant' Antonio

On Sunday June 14th, Sacred Heart Parishioners in Mildura joined with the Italian Community for the annual Mass in honour of Sant' Antonio, the blessing of the bread, the prayers and procession and other festivities in honour of their special patron.

Preparation for the day took the form of a mission in English and Italian conducted by Fr Vittorio Basso with discussions on such topics as

- Our need and responsibility to evangelise
- A session for Italian youth
- Our vocation to follow Jesus
- What it means to belong to the Church
- Anointing of the sick and the elderly
- Prayers for our departed relatives and friends
- Reflections on the life of St Anthony of Padua.



Fr Vittorio Basso



Some members of the Italian Choir



Blessing of the Bread



Decorated statue of Sant' Antonio



Part of the procession in honour of Sant' Antonio



After the procession we gathered in the Sacred Heart Hall to share Italian food, a special barbeque cooked by the Knights of the Southern Cross. After the meal entertainment was provided by the Tarantella dancers.



Elena Garreffa and Maria Carlucci as members of the Italian Tarantella Dance Group

Prayer to St Anthony

Almighty, ever-living God, You gave your people the extraordinary preacher St. Anthony and made him an intercessor in difficulties. By his aid grant that we may live a truly Christian life and experience your help in all adversities.

Amen.