

## **St Mary's North Wagga Wagga**

It was a busy 2007 for St Mary's Church. St Mary's had several baptisms and two wedding in 2007 which is so pleasing to all who love this little country church. We would like to see more people using St Mary's for their special occasions, photos prove it is a very picturesque church and surrounds.

As everyone will remember St Mary's Vestry noted the need for a family meeting area in North Wagga so we started the St Mary's Rainbow Playgroup with great success. St Mary's Rainbow Pre School, which the parish took control of in 2006 is in operation and the play group and pre-school work in well together.

Our new playgroup ( St Mary's Rainbow Playgroup) is going very well. So well in fact we have now started a second session on Fridays (St Mary's Rainbow Playgroup – Friday Group). There is now talk of a further session on Thursdays. Its success has come from the hard work and devotion of the families that joined, St Mary's Congregation and the Parish. We are happy with our outdoor structure but with winter coming the parents are hoping that we may be able to fill in the sides so the structure will be totally weather proof. St Mary's Playgroup commenced with only three families. Now we have around fifteen families regularly visiting our Monday sessions and five families on Fridays. We trust the playgroup will continue flourishing.

St Mary's Rainbow Pre School has been celebrating special family services within St Mary's Church. St Mary's congregation are very pleased the see our little church being used regularly. These services have brought some new faces to our church. We look forward to continuing our involvement with the Pre School.

We have a small group of helpers that contribute to the running of St Mary's. Without their efforts St Mary's wouldn't be the wonderful place it is to visit and worship. Thank you to all involved.

We would like to thank the clergy and administration staff for their support and guidance throughout 2007 and we wish them a successful 2008. Again thank you to everyone for their time and toils in the running of St Mary's. We look forward to another rewarding year in 2008.

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