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Dear Parish Priest/Parish Secretary/Web site Editor

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWING THAT GOD IS "ON OUR SIDE"**

How many Catholics are stuck in a cycle of guilt and weak faith? How many feel that God cannot possibly love them because they are sinners and incapable of changing their behaviour?

Jesus, in his mission statement at the start of his ministry, proclaimed a time of 'Jubilee' - God's favour. He showed that God is on our side: He loves us unconditionally and is willing to forgive us and help us do His will. What is our response? And how can we fulfil our mission to pass on His love, forgiveness and joy by sharing the good news of God's Kingdom with all we meet?

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> there is an opportunity to participate in a free mini-retreat that will explain more about this aspect of the Good News that Jesus brings to us. This meeting is hosted by "ADoRE" one of the longest-running charismatic days of renewal in the country. The **live session** at the Church of St Joan of Arc in Farnham, Surrey includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, inspired Teaching and a special time of healing prayer ministry. The praise and Talk will also be live-streamed on Zoom for remote participation.

Guest speaker this month is **Geoff Poulter**, former Director of the Catholic Bible School, an inspiring speaker and experienced trainer in Spiritual Renewal. This is the latest part of ADoRE's 2023 course to inspire Parish Evangelisation: "Proclaim the Good News - we are called to be Missionary Disciples." We hope you can let your parishioners know about this opportunity for spiritual renewal and formation and encourage their participation in the monthly zoom meetings. Please could you include the following announcement in your parish publicity this month?

**ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat** 23<sup>rd</sup> September 10.00-3.30 live at Church of St Joan of Arc, Farnham, Surrey GU9 8DJ "THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOUR – God is on our side." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer and inspiring guest speaker Geoff Poulter. Praise and talk also live-streamed on Zoom. Full details and registration for either at [bit.ly/ADORESEP2023](https://bit.ly/ADORESEP2023)

The colour poster for this month, plus other publicity materials, can be downloaded [HERE](#)

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

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