



April 2024

Dear Parish Priest/Parish Secretary/Web site Editor

"I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL"

Many people mistakenly think that Joel's prophecy of the Holy Spirit, with accompanying charisms, applies only to the Apostles and other special Saints; but Vatican 2 clarified that the Holy Spirit "distributes special graces among the faithful of every rank" for the building up of the Church (CCC 951 quoting *Lumen Gentium* 12).

On April 27th there is an opportunity to participate in a free mini-retreat that will explain in more depth how the gifts of the Holy Spirit are made available to all baptised people and it is our privilege and responsibility to use them (*"to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."* - 1 Cor. 12:7).

This meeting is hosted by "ADoRE" one of the longest-running charismatic days of renewal in the country. The session includes Mass, Adoration, Praise and Worship, inspired Teaching and Prayer for all participants to be refilled with the Holy Spirit and yield to charismatic gifts.

The talk is given by **Kristina Cooper**, former editor of "Good News" the magazine of charismatic renewal in the UK, and now on the renewal team in Southwark Diocese. We hope you can let your parishioners know about this opportunity for spiritual renewal and formation and encourage their participation.

If you are located within reach of Hampshire, people may like to attend the all-day live meeting in Basingstoke, while others can join the live-stream of the morning on Zoom

Please could you include the announcement below in your parish publicity this month? The colour poster for this month, plus other publicity materials, can be downloaded [HERE](#).

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

Alastair Emblem
Core Group Leader,
Alton Day of Renewal

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 27th April "I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT ON ALL." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Kristina Cooper. Please register for the 9.30-1.00 Zoom meeting in advance at bit.ly/ADOREAPR2024 or attend in person 9.30-3.30 at St. Bede's Church, Basingstoke. More information at www.altonrenewal.com