

# Parish Streaming Venues

# **Catholic Charismatic Renewal Gatherings Using live-streams from ADoRE**

#### **OVERVIEW**

This new initiative in association with ADORE first crystallised after Covid, when we had moved the monthly meetings online. A lady phoned and asked if there was anywhere in her parish she could view our sessions. She said she was not technically savvy and unsure about signing-in at home. Also, after the loneliness of Covid, she wanted the fellowship of being with other people filled with the Holy Spirit.

That was a few years ago now, but everything is subject to God's timings. A model of Parish Streaming Venues is being trialled in the Reading area. The first signs are promising, and we encourage Parishes across the country to pray to the Holy Spirit and consider setting up a Streaming Venue.

This is an opportunity for people to gather and view the monthly ADORE sessions streamed over the internet, see and hear our speakers, pray and worship together, and support one another,

If the Lord blesses this initiative, we will have a model that could help unite Charismatic Christians across the country and spread the Good News of God's love for his children in a world that desperately needs to hear about our God-given gifts of Faith, Hope and Love, and the greatest Gift is Love!

#### **BENEFITS**

It enables Parishes and Parish Priests who understand the importance of the Holy Spirit in the growth and renewal of their communities, to offer ready-made mini retreats one Saturday a month.

It is not attempting to undermine in any way the individual participation in ADoRE meetings on Zoom that people can access at home, but it does offer participation to those not able or willing to access the Zoom meetings.

Also. it responds to the need for Christians to come together in prayer and fellowship, as well as a way of reaching out to people on the margins of the Parish community. For example, in the Reading trial parish a foodbank has evolved into a drop-in centre, open to everyone of any faith or none. This Saturday morning gathering has been the basis of the Renewal streaming venue.

## **HOW IT WORKS**

In the trial parish, they have a large TV monitor linked to the internet in the Church Hall, and they have created a Café type environment with small tables, chairs and refreshments as a comfortable setting for people to meet and watch the ADORE monthly session.

There is a Saturday Morning Mass in the Parish, so they only watch the second part of the ADoRE session, including Praise and Worship, Testimony and the main Talk. Parishioners attending the Mass are encouraged to go through to the Hall for refreshments and the ADORE livestream.

At the end of the Talk, they have further discussion reflecting on the topic, followed by prayer for the group and/or individual participants.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

These Renewal live-streams must be promoted as <u>Parish events</u>, not ADoRE events (see separate advice on promotional style.) Your meetings need to be covered by your Parish or Diocesan Safeguarding and Insurance arrangements, particularly if you are offering Prayer Ministry as part of the meeting.

Please pray and consider how you could introduce Renewal Streaming in your Parish!