



# ADoRE Mini-Retreat for Spiritual Renewal

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Dear Parish Priest/Parish Secretary/Community Leader/Web site Editor

## APRIL MINI RETREAT ON GOD'S LOVE

On 25<sup>th</sup> April there is an opportunity for your Community members to be inspired by a three hour online retreat on the transformative power of God's love. The theme this month is "**SURRENDER TO LOVE.**" This Lent, we may have discovered – if we are completely honest with ourselves – that we have a resistance to opening ourselves up to God's love. Our natural tendency is to love our own ways of doing things!

But the truth is that Jesus died on Good Friday to release us from our selfish, sinful tendencies. We need to consciously make the Lord Jesus the centre of our lives, **surrendering to Him** in trust, so that we are united to Him in His death and Resurrection. Recognising God's amazing love for us, we love, worship, obey and serve Him in return. We discover Praise as a way of life; a way of expressing our love; and a way to break spiritual strongholds and set us free, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

These challenging but vital issues will be addressed by our special guest speaker **Geoff Poulter**, who has 50 years' experience of lay ministry in the Catholic Church, including 12 years as co-director of the Catholic Bible School. There will also be live-streamed Holy Mass, Adoration, Praise, and Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be fanned into a flame, so that your community members can be ambassadors of love to a world that so desperately needs to know the compassion and peace of our heavenly Father.

ADoRE is a monthly meeting of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, dedicated to the encouragement of a personal relationship with God, through Jesus, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Formed in 1975 in Portsmouth Diocese, it is one of the longest continually running Charismatic Days of Renewal in Britain. You can find out all about the full programme for the year – dates, topics and speakers – on our website at [www.altonrenewal/2026](http://www.altonrenewal/2026).

We hope you can let your community know about this opportunity for spiritual renewal and formation and encourage their participation in the meeting – either by live-stream or, if you're in the south of England, by personal participation in Christchurch, Dorset. Please could you include the announcement below in your publicity this month? The colour poster for the month and year, plus other publicity materials, can be downloaded [HERE](#)

Thank you and may God bless you abundantly.

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**Core Group Leader, Alton Day of Renewal**

**ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 25<sup>th</sup> April 10.00-1.00 online.** "SURRENDER TO LOVE." The Holy Spirit transforms us by helping us surrender to God's love. Mini retreat morning Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring talk from speaker **Geoff Poulter**, trainer in prophecy, healing and discipleship. Attend **in person** at St. Joseph's, Christchurch, Dorset. Details at [https://www.altonrenewal.com/this\\_month](https://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)