

Inspiration for this New Season

We know that this season is seeing many parishes grappling with risk assessments, cleaning routines and new procedures for celebrating public Masses. Whether this new season is causing you joy or endless headaches, we would love to come beside you with some encouraging inspiration and wisdom we've gathered from friends of Divine Renovation over the last few weeks... Let's take a moment to pray, 'Come Holy Spirit', holding onto Jesus' desire to act powerfully through our parishes in this new chapter.

Breathe Vision into People

“What’s your vision for this moment in the Church? Is it hunker down until it gets back to normal? Or how do we manage minimum capacity Masses? To me, that’s the wrong question! That’s like going to do the old thing in a new way. This is our moment to breathe vision into our people and say that you are an ambassador for Christ, you are an ambassador!... and please, for the love of God, don't do a livestream Mass as if you expect no one who doesn't go to church to be watching!” **Fr James Mallon, Founder and Author of [Divine Renovation](#)**

Hear more insights from the [Engaging Seekers, Reaching the Unchurched](#) webinar.

Don't Turn the Lights Off on the Digital

“The walls of our churches have come down, and now the walls that have identified people as parishioners have been blurred. They’re going out, seeing where they can be fed, they’re checking out the best homilies ... When we come back into our church doors, for physical services, we should not turn the lights off on all the things we’ve done in this period to grow our online presence, to reach other people, even beyond our walls.” **Matt Regitz, Divine Renovation Leadership Coach**

Hear more insights from the [Reopening Our Churches](#) webinar.

Let's Be Expectant!

“What faith do we have for people to be meeting with Christ in this forum [online]? I’ve been challenging myself. What are my expectations? Are they as high on Zoom as they are for when I’m face to face with people? For me, I’ve been dealing with my lack of faith, and taking that before the Lord and saying, ‘Jesus, you’re genuinely meeting with people at home.’ And that is a fruit and an exciting thing we can be very hopeful for in the Church that Jesus is meeting us in our homes. Let’s raise our gaze, let’s get our vision in place for Jesus to be meeting with his children in their homes. I’ve been praying with the story of the centurion, and he had so much faith that Jesus could heal his servant without going into his home. Do I have that much faith?” **Pippa Baker, One Hope Project**

Hear more insights from the [Leading Worship Online](#) webinar.

Start a 'Blow Them Away' Committee

“The main thing we’ve been doing for preparing is building teams. I think this is a really incredible opportunity for the Church to empower leaders. I think people are very generous, they want to do something, they want to help. We have a hospitality team working on what’s hospitality going to look like, a cleaning team... We’re building teams to dream and think big and do it well. When you get into things like hospitality and cleaning and all of this, you have people who are really good at logistics and processes, and you really need that. But you also need to balance it with the visionary dreamers who are passionate about the people and the experience of returning. We have a ‘Blow Them Away Committee’ – people who are going to dream about signs ‘Welcome Home!’ Just embracing the experience. We’re not just going back

to Mass like normal.” **Kurt Klement, Divine Renovation Leadership Coach**

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Reach New People Online

“Only 40% of people are following their own church online. People want to get back to normal as quickly as possible. The Covid crisis hasn’t caused a massive disruption in the Church, it’s simply accelerated it. If we don’t take seriously the call to mission, we’ll find ourselves ten years ahead of where we thought we were in terms of fewer numbers. How do we reach out to new people online? How do we become missionary online?” **Fr Stephen Langridge, Parish Priest, St Elizabeth's Richmond, Divine Renovation Leadership Coach**

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Our next webinar is...

Children's Ministry Online

Tuesday 14 July

3 - 4pm

Parishes have been innovating during the pandemic to make sure that children and families have access to age-appropriate worship, activities and prayer online. Hear learnings from three parishes: two UK and one Canadian. We'll be joined by Laura O'Rourke of [St Benedict Parish, Halifax, Nova Scotia](#), Jamila Jeffers of [Our Lady and St Joseph's, Kingsland](#) and Anne Marie Milwain of [St John Bosco and St Bernadette's, Erskine](#).

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Why We're Continuing to Prioritise Streaming even as our Church Reopens...

"I value our mission. The fact that we have always been a parish striving to be on mission has set us up for success during this challenging time, and has allowed us to reach more people than ever before with the experience of our Sunday Mass. We have been receiving on average 11,000 views online every week since the pandemic began. **While I recognize the need to feed the flock, we have to keep catching fish.** I feel a responsibility to serve the thousands of fish who have started to swim in our spiritual waters. We want to maintain a certain standard of quality for all who will continue to watch online. This includes a majority of our own pre-COVID-19 parishioners, who will not be returning just yet, as well as thousands of others, some of whom are newly seeking or recently returning to faith. So we're trying to think of creative, sustainable ways to celebrate in-person Masses, as well as offer

high quality online Masses..." Fr Simon Lobo, Pastor of St Benedict Parish, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Check out Saint Benedict Parish's livestream [here](#).

Thank you for joining us!

Since the end of March, Divine Renovation UK has hosted **16 Regional and Network webinars**, and we are so delighted you decided to join us!

- **366 UK parishes** have attended these webinars.
- That is **13%** of all parishes in England, Wales and Scotland!
- The highest number of parishes attended from the **Diocese of Portsmouth.**
- **255 people** from **29 dioceses** have downloaded our Covid Parish Resource Kit.
- The highest number of parishes downloaded from the **Archdiocese of Birmingham.**

