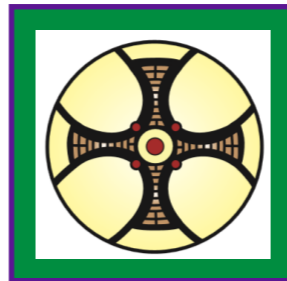


Continues meeting on  
a Monday evening @ SToC  
Becket Suite  
from 7.00—8.00 pm  
All welcome



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**FORMATION DEPARTMENT**

**SPIRITUALITY - RETREAT PROGRAMME 2023-24**

We are pleased to offer the following monthly retreat programme led by Donna Worthington.

The day retreats are hosted at:

Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Rd, Lostock Hall PR55AA

**Saturday 10th February 2024: - INTRO TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** | *Explore the contemplative tradition with a particular focus on Fr John Main's teaching.*

**Tuesday 5th March 2024: - IGNATIAN PRAYER & DISCERNMENT** | *An Introduction to these helpful Christian approaches.*

**Monday 13th May 2024: - THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING** | *Explore this incredible mystical text written in the 14<sup>th</sup> C, a profound guide on prayer.*

**Thursday 6th June 2024: - JONAH & THE WHALE** | *A spiritual sea journey into the darkness of the whale & moving towards a pathway of light.*

**Saturday 6th July 2024: THE FIRE & THE WELL & THE CLOAK** | *Explore the spirituality of the wonderful Saint Brigid and her compelling symbolism.*



St Vincent  
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**SVP tea party**

On Tuesday, 30th January in the  
Becket Suite



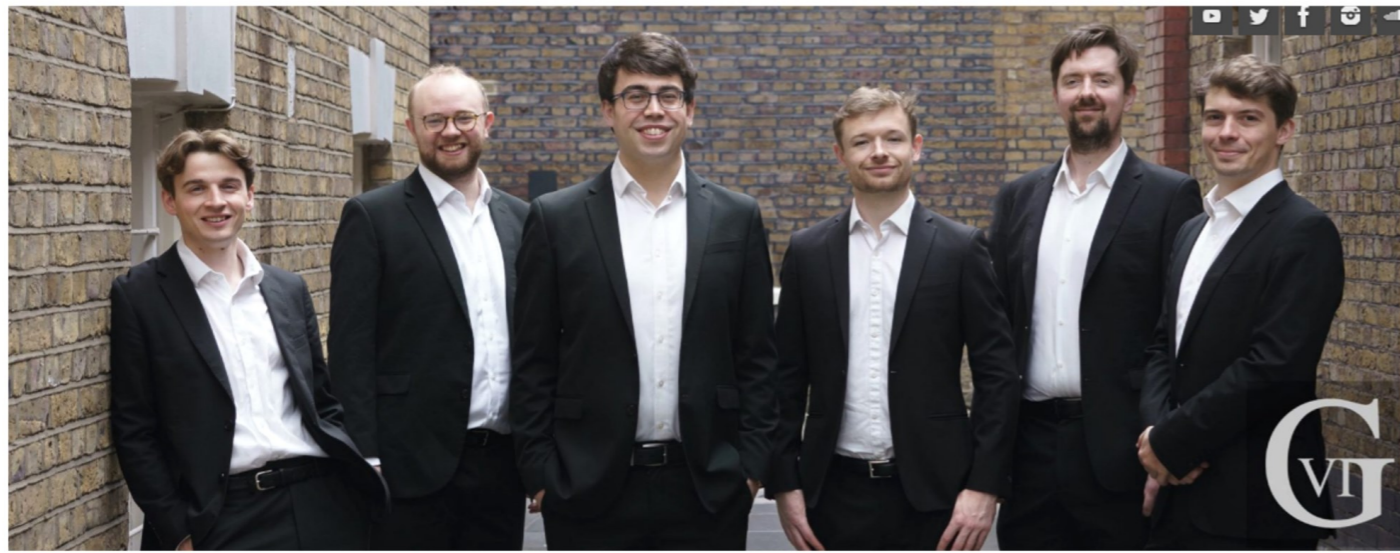
**WITH OPEN DOORS** Holy Family Church, Gaza

As our own children continued their preparations on the Sacramental Programme last Sunday, eight children from the Holy Family Parish in Gaza received their First Holy Communion. The children managed to complete their preparation and education, with parish priest Fr Yousef, despite the war. The Church has become a beacon of light in the darkness. Many people have taken refuge in the grounds of the Church and Monastery since the war began. Despite everything, daily Mass continues to be celebrated, and the parishioners to show steadfast faith and strength.



Please hold them in your prayers.





## The Gesualdo 6 are coming to St Thomas of Canterbury! Concert Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 3pm

A wonderful choir with an international reputation for choral work of the highest quality, performing across the UK, Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand, along with a debut at the BBC Proms in 2023.

The Gesualdo Six will be leading a Choral Workshop on Saturday 3rd February, 1.00 – 4.00pm (Mere Hall, Bolton, BL1 2QT), followed by a Concert of choral music on **Sunday 4th February, 3.00pm at St Thomas of Canterbury Church**, Lonsdale, Road Bolton. The concert will include a joint performance of one of the songs from the workshop.

Tickets for the concert only on Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb are £12.

Choral singers who would like to attend the workshop on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb and the concert on Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Feb £20.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to hear such fabulous singers in our own church at very low cost!

Tickets can be obtained by following the link below: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CWWT>

More about the Gesualdo 6: [The Gesualdo Six - Home](#)

# Friendship Cafe

Meet every Wednesday in the Becket Suite, at St Thomas of Canterbury Church  
Bolton, BL1 4PN : 1pm-3.30

*Come along for a cup of tea,  
Biscuits, cake and a chat*

**Entertainment Provided**

Bring along friends and Carers or come alone and share some memories and have a laugh with others.



## ALL WELCOME



The weekly Friendship Cafe is from 1pm to 3pm. Our doors are open for all members of our parish and the wider community. Bring a friend or a neighbour and enjoy the entertainment, meet new people, renew old acquaintances, whilst having a tea or coffee and a slice of cake.

Phone 07428 340797 or 07519 176890 for details