

# **ST JOSEPH and ST MARGARET CLITHEROW CHURCH**

## **TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C**

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Tommy Robinson, RIP
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Marie-Claire Ducasse, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Catenians Mass to Pray for Vocations
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>NO MASS</b>		

## **Ss MARGARET CLITHEROW, ANNE LINE & MARGARET WARD**

Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	Tony Denyer's Intentions
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	The Staff at both our schools
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup>	9.10am	Morning Prayer	
		9.30am	Mass	
		10.15am	Mother's Prayers	
Friday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Exposition (until 12.00noon)	
		12.10pm	Mass	Gregory James Arthur, RIP

## **ST GREGORY, THE GREAT**

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am	Rosary	Pro-Life Intentions
		10.00am	Mass	Pro-Life
		10.45am	Confessions	

## **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Mass	Bridget Horgan, RIP
		10.30am	Mass	Maura Holt

**We pray for the Sick and Housebound of Our Community  
and for those who care for them.**

**Sick and Housebound:** Brenda Theobald, Olga Maguire, Betty Winn, Peter Dossett, Sue Beasley, Brian Mecklenburg, Adrian Sweeney, Thelma Briggs, Johanna Lenz, Bridget Tanner, Ena Stanton, Peggy O'Sullivan, Peggy Malone, Winnie Justice, Inge Walker, and Yvonne Gantzer, David McCann, Jadwiga Butcher, June Cooper,

**Those who are unwell or in hospital:** Bill Guilfoyle, Geoff Hallett, Una Gilligan, Una Mair, Freda Edgington, Esther Brophy, Anne Hardy, Nora Cronin, Patricia Holmwood, Fr Vincent Convery, Teresa Bullock, Maria Bishop, Peggy Pendergast, Evie & Ruby Shallom, Serafina Delmundo.

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THE YEAR OF LUKE THE YEAR OF MERCY

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

**LAUGHTER - THE BEST MEDICINE**

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As we sat down for the wedding feast, a friend remarked that, whenever he was at a wedding, the host always seemed to seat him as close as he could to the lavatory. With great humour, he added that waterfront properties are always the most valuable. His wife asks everyone not to encourage him. But they do. Then, in a moment of seriousness, he asks who really wants to be at the top table, where you are under constant surveillance and analysis.

We all think we know who should be at the top and the bottom of every table. In our minds, we have it all worked out, and can list 1000 reasons why it should be so. It seems that there is an over serious Pharisee in all of us. If this is true, we might as well get it out into the open. Good spiritual teaching asserts that knowing we are in prison is the first step to getting out of prison.

But it's hard to be grateful when our hidden egos are exposed. That is why it is so important to be able to laugh at ourselves regularly, and often. Or to put it in the words of Thomas Merton, to cast aside our awesome solemnity and join in the dance.



When we can laugh at the laughable ideas of our own importance we put things in right balance. We can see the bars of the prisons we create for ourselves, and see, perhaps for the first time, that the door is only locked from the inside.

Robert Wicks, in his thrilling, "Touching the Holy: Ordinarieness, Self-Esteem and Friendship" suggests that, among our friends, we should have at least one prophet, one cheerleader, one harasser and one spiritual guide. (P.93) Check to see if you have this! In their company, when our negative or positive grandiosity comes into view, laughter is the way we are restored to the joy of humility and of our humanity. There is no other way.