

## FR. MICHAEL BURKE

July 3, 1957 – September 25, 2022  
Ordained into the Priesthood: July 28, 1984

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Michael Burke. Father Michael was born July 3, 1957, in Plymouth, England, the son of Michael and June Burke and brother of Anne Julie.

He was educated at schools in Haverfordwest, Wales and the Imperial College, University of London. He attended seminary at the Venerable English College and the Pontifical Gregorian University both in Rome and was ordained for the Diocese of Menevia, Wales on July 28, 1984.

Father Michael served in parishes in Wales and held several diocesan positions: member of the Diocesan Liturgy Commission, Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, Vice-Chancellor, Judge on the National Marriage Tribunal for Wales, Communications Officer, Cathedral Administrator, and a member of the Bishop's Council and the College of Consultors.

We were blessed to first get to know Father Michael during his visits to Florida in the summers for a number of years, assisting across the Diocese of Orlando at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish, Annunciation Catholic Parish, St. Ann and St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Parish.

In 2016 he returned to our parish as Associate Pastor. He also served as a judicial vicar for the Diocese of Orlando Marriage Tribunal beginning in 2019.

His wisdom and British wit were known by all at St. Mary Magdalen, as was his West Highland White Terriers – first Gaudi and now Cari, who has found a new home with a parish family who cared for him during Fr. Michael's visits home to Wales to visit his family, or to Rome or the Holy Land. When not serving at Mass or ministry or visiting the school kids or youth ministry, in his leisure time Fr. Michael loved to go to the movies and to visit the theme parks, a proud explorer of all things Disney in Orlando.

Fr. Michael, having served 38 years in service to the Lord as a priest, wishes that in lieu of flowers, if you are so inclined, to make a donation to the parish Vocation Fund.

*“It was not you who chose me  
BUT I WHO CHOSE YOU”*

*“As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.  
If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love...”*

*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit  
that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.”*

From John 15:9–17, Gospel for Ordination Mass

Por favor oren por el descanso del alma del Padre Michael Burke. El padre Michael nació el 3 de julio de 1957 en Plymouth, Inglaterra, hijo de Michael y June Burke y hermano de Anne Julie.

Fue educado en escuelas en Haverfordwest, Wales y el Imperial College, Universidad de Londres. Asistió al seminario en el Venerable English College y en la Pontificia Universidad Gregoriana, ambos en Roma, y fue ordenado sacerdote para la Diócesis de Menevia, Wales, el 28 de julio de 1984.

El padre Michael sirvió en parroquias de Wales y ocupó varios cargos diocesanos: miembro de la Comisión Diocesana de Liturgia, Maestro de Ceremonias Diocesano, Vicecanciller, Juez del Tribunal Matrimonial Nacional de Wales, Oficial de Comunicaciones, Administrador de la Catedral y miembro del Consejo Episcopal y del Colegio de Consultores.

Tuvimos la bendición de conocer primero al Padre Michael durante sus visitas a Florida en los veranos durante varios años, ayudando alrededor de la Diócesis en la Parroquia Católica del Santísimo Sacramento, la Parroquia Católica de la Anunciación, Santa Ana y la Parroquia Católica Santa María Magdalena.

En el 2016 regresó a nuestra parroquia como Pastor Asociado. También se desempeñó como vicario judicial del Tribunal de Matrimonios de la Diócesis de Orlando a partir del 2019.

Su sabiduría e ingenio británico eran conocidos por todos en Santa María Magdalena, al igual que sus perros “terriers” – primero Gaudi y ahora Cari, quien ha encontrado un nuevo hogar con una familia parroquiana que lo cuidó

durante las visitas del Padre Michael a Wales para visitar a su familia, o a Roma o Tierra Santa. Cuando no estaba sirviendo en la Misa o el ministerio o visitando a los niños de la escuela o el ministerio juvenil, en su tiempo libre al Padre Michael le encantaba ir al cine y visitar al “Ratón”, un orgulloso explorador de todo lo relacionado con Disney en Orlando.

Padre Michael, habiendo servido 38 años al servicio del Señor como sacerdote, desea que, en lugar de flores, si así lo desea, haga una donación al Fondo de Vocaciones de la parroquia.

