



Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton & Sacred Heart, Villawood Catholic Church



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Late Fr. Michael Butler

Sadly, we advise of the death of Fr Michael Butler who passed away on Christmas Eve, 24 December 2021. He was 91 years of age.

Fr Michael was born in Randwick, on 19th March 1930. He was a seminarian at St Paul's Kensington and with the Little Brothers of Jesus in Europe, being ordained to the priesthood on 7th September 1974 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney by Cardinal Freeman.



He was appointed Assistant Priest at the Parishes of Annandale (1974), Concord (1978), Gosford (1980), Liverpool (1982), and Enfield (1985). He was then made Liaison Chaplain to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Movement in 1988 and appointed Parish Priest of North Leichhardt in January of 1989. He was finally appointed Parish Priest of Lewisham in 1995, where he served until his retirement to lesser duties in 2012.

He also served with Fr Maurice Thompson and assisted at the parishes of St Christopher's Panania, St Patrick's Revesby Heights, St Luke's Revesby, Sacred Heart Villawood and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Sefton in recent years during his retirement. He unfortunately endured ill health in the last couple of years and passed away peacefully at Stella Maris Aged Care.



The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 12th January at 11am at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sefton, 6 Kerrinea Road, Sefton.

For those who are unable to attend, the Mass will be live-streamed:

<http://www.facebook.com/immaculateheartofmaryparishsefton/>

He will be fondly remembered as a priest with great compassion. Please join us in praying for the repose of the soul of Fr Michael. May he rest in eternal peace.

Kind regards,

Very Rev. Fr. Maurice T. Thompson
Episcopal Vicar & Parish Priest
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