

Re-ordering scheme

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii, Chicago (May 2026)



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The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii is a parish church in Little Italy, on the West side of Chicago. The parish was established to minister to Italian migrants to Chicago. In 1880 there were 1300; by the 1920s, there were 74,000. Today, nearly 600,000 Chicago citizens claim Italian descent, mostly from Sicily and the area around Naples.

Originally established as an official Italian national parish in 1911, the church was built in 1923 in a Ravenna-style, by Worthmann & Steinbach, two German-born architects who were responsible for more than 300 buildings in the Chicago area in the period 1900-1928.

As a prelude to its centennial celebrations in 2023, work began to completely renovate and refurbish the building re-ordering the liturgical emphasis which is now articulated in a striking new Cosmati mosaic floor.

The project was the brainchild of the distinguished theologian and Rector, Rev Ricardo Fragomeni (and there's an interview with him at the time of the re-dedication here: [ABC News](#)).

The project architects were led by Jack Kelley (see: [MKB Architects](#)). Luke Hughes supplied design advice, a set of [Charterhouse stacking pews](#), [LH 33 'St Edmund's' chairs](#) and a set of kneelers, upholstered with fabric designed by artist Sophie Hacker (see: [Sophie Hacker](#)), representing the four elements: air, fire, earth and water.

The Shrine was re-dedicated by the Cardinal Cupic, Archbishop of Chicago, on 17 May 2026. See: [Altar consecration](#)

Introduction

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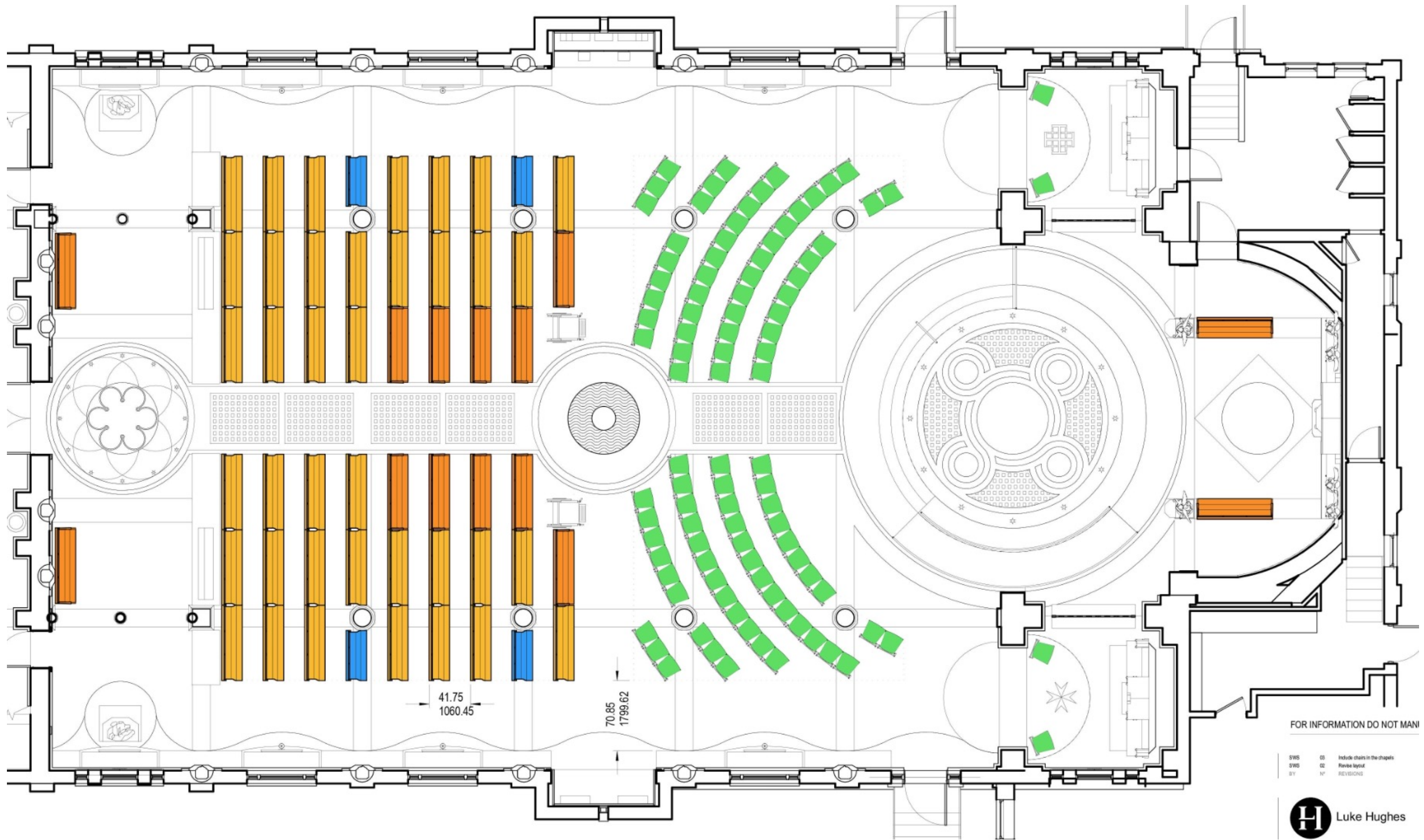




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Looking East
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Optimum layout

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Looking West - chairs in the front rows, pews in the rear
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Looking North East - chairs and kneelers
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'St Edmund's' chairs (and kneelers)
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Works 'before' and in progress
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Buildings of Worship

Select clients

All Hallows, Gospel Oak
All Saints' Church, Carshalton
All Saints' Church, Woodford
Arundel Cathedral
Bangor Cathedral
Benenden School Chapel
Boxgrove Priory
Bristol Cathedral
Canterbury Cathedral
Cathedral of the Incarnation, NY
Cathedral of St Philip, Atlanta
Chapel of the Resurrection, Valparaiso University
Charterhouse School Chapel
Chester Cathedral
Chichester Cathedral
Church of Holy Rood, Holybourne
Church of the Holy Spirit, Southsea
Clare College Chapel
Community Synagogue of Rye, NY
Congregation Beit Simchat Torah Synagogue, NYC
Congregation Habonim, NYC
Corpus Christi Jesuit Community, Christchurch
Dorchester Abbey
Durham Cathedral
Ely Cathedral
Epsom College Chapel
Exeter Cathedral
Farm Street Church
Hereford Cathedral
Highgate Cemetery
Holy Trinity, Cuckfield

Holy Trinity, Geneva
Hull Minster
Hurst Pierpoint College Chapel
Keble College Chapel
Lichfield Cathedral
Lincoln's Inn Chapel
Mucknell Abbey
New North London Synagogue
Our Lady of Pompeii, Chicago IL
Park Avenue Synagogue, NYC
Peterborough Cathedral
Portsmouth Cathedral
Rochester Cathedral
Salisbury Cathedral
Sheffield Cathedral
Shrewsbury Abbey
Shrewsbury School Chapel
Sidney Sussex College Chapel
Southwark Cathedral
St Alban's Church, Romford
St Andrew's, Holborn
St Andrew's, Alderton
St Andrew's, Feniton
St Andrew's, Southwark
St Andrew's, Stapleford
St Andrew's, Surbiton
St Augustine's, Rumney
St Barnabas, Dulwich
St Bartholomew's, Wilmslow
St Catherine's, Burbage
St Clement Dane's
St Dunstan's Episcopal Church, Madison WI
St Dunstan's Church, Mayfield

St Edmundsbury Cathedral
St Francis at the Engine Room
St George's Chapel, Windsor
St George's, Bloomsbury
St George's, Bristol
St George's, Oakdale
St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh
St Joan of Arc, Highbury
St John the Baptist, Tisbury
St John's Presbyterian Church, San Francisco, CA
St John's, Waterloo
St John's, Berwick St John
St John's, Blackheath
St John's, Notting Hill
St John's, Preston
St John's, Shirley
St John's, Tisbury
St John's Chapel, Tower of London
St Joseph's Hospice, Hackney
St Lawrence Jewry
St Luke's, Darien, CT
St Luke's, Chelsea
St Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen
St Margaret Pattens
St Margaret's, Bethersden
St Mark's, Swindon
St Martin's, Barford St Martin
St Mary and St Giles, Stony Stratford
St Mary Magdalene, Newark
St Mary Magdalene, Richmond
St Mary the Less, Durham
St Mary the Virgin, Oxford
St Mary-at-Hill, Billingsgate

St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside
St Mary's, Witney
St Mary's House, Brighton
St Mary's, Ealing
St Mary's, Easton
St Mary's, Fairford
St Mary's, Houghton-on-the-Hill
St Mary's, Iffley
St Mary's, Kempford
St Mary's, March
St Mary's, Shroton
St Mary's, Somers Town
St Mary's, Twickenham
St Mary's, Witney
St Mary's, Woodbridge
St Marylebone, Marylebone
St Matthew's, Wilton, CT
St Michael and All Angels, Kingsnorth
St Michael's, Stourport
St Paul's, Covent Garden
St Paul's Cathedral
St Paul's, Croxton
St Peter Ad Vincula, Tower of London
Temple Israel, NYC
The Royal Military Guards Chapel
The Temple Church
Trinity Wall Street, NYC
Westbourne Grove Methodist Church
Westminster Abbey
Westminster Cathedral
Westminster Synagogue
Winchester Cathedral
Winchester University Chapel
York Minster



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