Renovation and Redecoration Works at St Gregory the Great Church, Northampton

Following the fire in November AD 2025, and after almost a year of preparation, renovation and redecoration works at St Gregory the Great Church are due to commence on **Monday, 16th November 2026**.

The remedial works will include:

- First and second-fix electrical installation.
- Installation of a new fire alarm and safety system.
- Replacement of fire doors.
- Replacement of skylights.
- Refurbishment of the working sacristy.
- Installation of new shelving in the hall foyer.
- Plastering and redecoration.
- Installation of new carpets.
- Other associated remedial works.

Temporary Changes to the Celebration of Mass and Parish Activities:

To comply with Health and Safety requirements, and to enable the works to be completed before the end of the year, there will be temporary changes to our usual liturgical arrangements.

From **Monday, 23rd November until at least Friday, 18th December** the following arrangements will apply:

- **Monday to Friday**: There will be no public celebration of Mass or other liturgies in the Church.
- **Saturday**: Mass at 9:00am, followed at 9:30am by Eucharistic Exposition and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Confession.
- **Sunday**: Mass at 9:00am and 11:00am.

As there will be no access to the sacristy, certain areas of the Church may need to be cordoned off and used for the temporary storage of items.

It may be possible to use the parish hall on Sundays for Children's Liturgy of the Word and to provide periodic access to the toilets. However, this cannot be guaranteed. We therefore ask for your patience, understanding and cooperation while these essential works are undertaken.

Important Additional Notices:

1. **Funeral Mass – Friday, 27th November**: The Funeral Mass already arranged will take place as planned.
2. **The Parish Requiem Mass for All Departed Souls** will be celebrated as advertised at 10:30am on Saturday, 28th November.
3. **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Tuesday, 8th December**: This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Parishioners are therefore asked to fulfil their obligation by participating in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at a neighbouring parish.
4. **Weekday Mass Intentions:** Although there will be no public celebration of Mass in the Church from Monday to Friday, Mass will continue to be offered privately each weekday, including for intentions already arranged. If you would prefer an intention to be transferred to a date next year, please contact Caryll, the Parish Secretary.

Christmas Masses – Important Notice:

As previously advertised, owing to these exceptional circumstances, the Christmas Mass schedule will be as follows:

24th December – CHRISTMAS EVE

- 12noon – Mass for Children and Families
- 2:30pm – Holy Mass

25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:00am – Holy Mass
- 11:00am – Holy Mass

Please encourage your family and friends to join us at one of these celebrations so that, together, we can fill the Church and truly rejoice in celebrating the Birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Please note: Attendance at any one of the Masses listed above, on either Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, fulfils the Christmas Obligation. The offertory collection at these Masses will support the continuing ministry of our priests.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support during these necessary works.