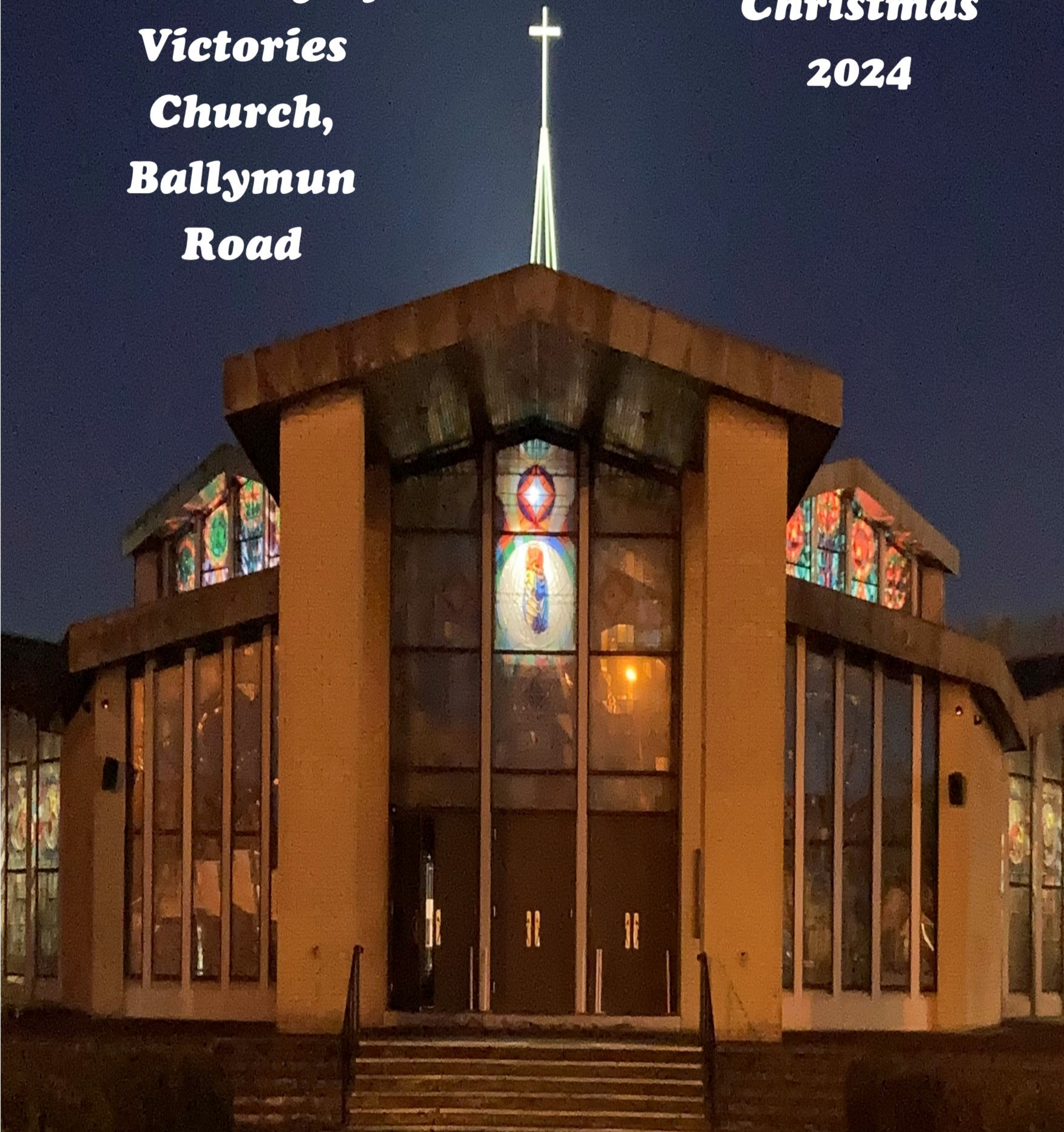


**Our Lady of  
Victories  
Church,  
Ballymun  
Road**

**Christmas  
2024**



**The Parish Teams of  
Ballymun Road,  
Ballygall, Glasnevin,  
Drumcondra & Iona Road**

**Wish you, our parishioners Peace and Joy this Christmas time.**

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Recently we had a finance committee meeting in one of our newly refurbished meeting rooms. All though it was -2° outside, the meeting was conducted in a cosy 18° and this was just after 20 mins of running the heat. With our new zoned heating, we can now heat different parts of the church without having to heat the whole building. For many years our parish office was like an ice box but now it is a pleasant working environment. A lot of work has taken place since last May but now it is finally coming to its completion. It is lovely to see this major project coming to its conclusion in time for Christmas. It has been a long hard journey to get to where we are. It is a journey that that involved forth nightly site meetings, problems that were not expected, the cancellation of holidays. It is a journey that began in early 2018 with planning and an eye to the future. What has been achieved is the enhancement of what is a beautiful building, opening up many more options for its use, providing a space where groups can meet in comfort. What has been achieved is the assurance that Our Lady of Victories is a 'Church for the future.'

In another section of the newsletter is a word from the Jim Deighnan, the Chairperson of The Parish Finance Committee, detailing the cost, the funding and how you can help.

I would like to thank all who have donated so far to this worthy project. Also I would like to thank the members of The Parish Finance Committee, The Parish Pastoral Council and The Original Project Committee for their help, support and guidance. Our Lady of Victories is truly a beautiful church and now ever more so.

It most certainly is 'A Church for the Future.'

If you are around for Christmas do join us for the celebrations, there is always a warm welcome.

May you all have a lovely, peaceful Christmas.

Frank

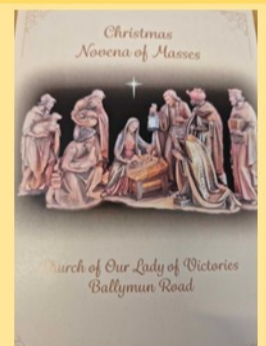


### Christmas Novena begins December 16th

The Christmas Novena Cards are now available.

If you would like to order any please phone 01-8420346 and place your order. You can also drop an envelope through the letter box on the sacristy door giving the following details: The name of the living person to be prayed for, your phone number and the offering.

The cards cost €5.00 each and for the nine days before Christmas, beginning 16<sup>th</sup> December we will be praying for all who are listed on the Novena Christmas Cards.



**Do you have a Crib that you use each Christmas?**

If so bring the Infant Jesus from your crib to either Mass on Sunday 22nd December to be blessed before placing into your crib at home.



### Rest in the Presence of the Lord

40 Hours Adoration is taking place here in the Church from

**Monday 16th to Thursday 19th December  
12.00pm to 10.00pm.**

We hope you will take this opportunity to spend some quiet time in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



### An appeal for Red Cyclamens for Christmas.

Each year as we prepare for the Christmas and the decoration of our altar we make an appeal for people to donate a plant. Usually we have asked for Poinsettias but this year as we appeal once again for plants we are asking that you donate a red Cyclamen.

All the plants we receive are placed on our altar over the Christmas period. I think that you will agree that over the years that at Christmas, our altar has always looked beautiful.



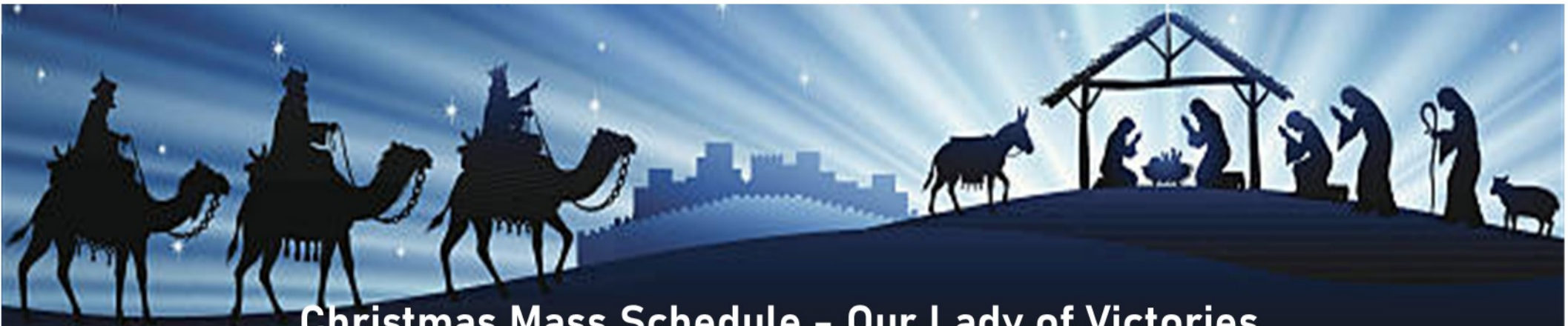
### Services of Reconciliation in our Glasnevin Grouping

The annual Ceremony of Reconciliation hosted by Our Mother of Divine Grace, Ballygall, will take place **Wednesday 18th December at 7.30 pm** with the Franciscans priests.

## Reconciliation

*Preparing the Way for the Lord...*





## Christmas Mass Schedule – Our Lady of Victories

**Christmas Eve Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 10.00am morning mass**

*(Confessions will be available after this mass)*

**6.00 pm Evening Mass with Our Lady of Victories Gospel Choir – Carols at 5.30 pm**

**Christmas Day Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December**

**11.00am morning mass**

**St. Stephen's Day Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December**

**11.00 am (note later time)**

Once again this year the five parishes in the Glasnevin Partnership are joining together for the celebration of one mass on St. Stephen's Day to be hosted by us in OLV. It is a lovely opportunity to pray together as a partnership.

(no mass in OLV on Fridays)

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 am**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 11.00am (no evening Mass)**

**Mass on New Years Day again we gather in the one church for Mass on this day, which will be hosted by Corpus Christi at 11.00am only**

**Normal schedule resumes on Thurs 2nd Jan**

### Mass Schedule for the Churches in our Partnership

	<b>Christmas Eve 24th December</b>	<b>Christmas Day 25th December</b>	<b>St. Stephen's Day 26th December</b>	<b>New Year Eve 31 December</b>	<b>New Year Day 1 January</b>
<b>Mother of Divine Grace Ballygall</b>	6.30pm 8.00pm	10.00am 11.30am	Mass only in OLV	10.00am	Mass only in Corpus Christi
<b>Our Lady of Dolours Glasnevin</b>	10.00am 5.00 (Children) & 8.00pm	9.30am & 11.00am	Mass only in OLV	10.00am	Mass only in Corpus Christi
<b>St. Columba's Iona Road</b>	5.00pm Children 7.00pm	11.00am	Mass only in OLV	11.00am	Mass only in Corpus Christi
<b>Corpus Christi</b>	5.00pm & 7.00pm	10.30am	Mass only in OLV	10.00am	11.00am



Our biggest event this year, was the visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette in September. It was a very, very successful moment for our parish. A quick calculation indicated that over 10,000 people visited our church over the couple of days and also on the Thursday morning over 2000 young people participated in a special organised liturgy. We are truly grateful to all who helped make this event such a wonderful success. Many people remarked on the beauty of our church, the warmth of the welcome and the feeling of peace and calm that was prevalent.





### Can You Help Us Meet Our Goal?

We hope you are all delighted to see the completion of the restoration of Our Lady of Victories Church. I am sure you will agree that the changes have made a huge impact. This work was critical to secure the long term future of the Church for many generations to come. We continue our Fundraising Campaign and to date have raised nearly €80k which represents 33% of our target. To achieve our target, we still need significant help from our parishioners, from visitors to our church and indeed the wider community. You can make a donation by contacting Grainne in the office or by visiting [www.OLV.ie](http://www.OLV.ie).

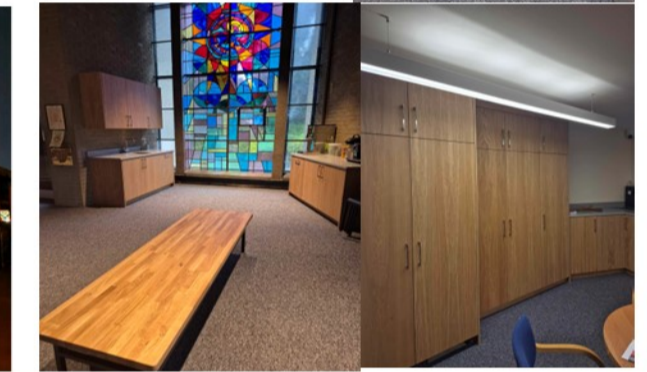
We need as much help as possible and any donation would be very much appreciated.

Fundraising amount to date:	€80,000.00	Amount to Raise	€170,000.00
Themometer bulb	-	Above Goal	-
Amount Spent	€1,277,000.00	Share	€1,220,553.00



As part of the renovation that has taken place in Our Lady of Victories Church we have installed:

- 280 Energy efficient LED lights/Emergency lights including the refurbishment of the original Lighting Pendants from 1969,
- 80 New Sockets,
- 44 CCTV Camaras,
- 28,000mtrs of New Cable,
- a New Fire Alarm System including 46 new Smoke Detectors and 2 Smoke Beams above the altar,
- a new intruder Alarm System, new External Lighting,
- 16 Energy efficient LED Lights to internally light the High Level Stained Glass,
- 16 Energy efficient LED lights to internally light the Stations of the Cross and the Shrines,
- new Distribution Boards, Speaker System and Projector System rewire,
- new Control System for the heating, new Energy efficient Casambi Lighting Control System,
- 2 new boilers, a new Boiler House within the church, 30 new radiators,
- a new water and gas main and the creation of a new Hospitality Area



### Where does Your Money Go?

Soon we will be ordering new boxes of envelopes for the weekly Planned Giving/Family Offering/ Common Fund/Share. To print envelopes is very expensive on the parish and we are constantly looking to see how we can reduce our expenditure. We will be issuing planned giving envelopes only to those who return them on a regular basis (weekly/monthly). We appreciate your support and therefore ask that you continue to give your donation into the baskets for the first/second collection or you can also donate to our 'parish/first collection/share/dues' by setting up a standing order weekly/monthly/yearly or online. To donate online go to [olv.ie](http://olv.ie), click the donate button on the right hand corner and choose which collection you wish to donate to. Contact the Parish Office/Sacristy with your preference.

### Planned Giving

Goes directly to our parish.

### Collections at Sunday Mass First Collection - Common Fund

Supports the priests of our parish, sick and retired priests, priests in low income parishes, and priests working in special ministries throughout the Diocese.

### Second Collection - Share

The Share Collection provides essential pastoral services supporting all parishes and provides support to low income parishes.

### Easter and Christmas Dues:

The Dues at Easter/Christmas also go into the Common Fund, again is used to support the priests in the Diocese.

### Tax Reclaim on Donations

As we come to the end of the year, and look at our financial status, and prepare for our Tax Reclaim, we acknowledge the support & generosity that our parishioners give to our church. Did you know that if you donate more than €250 per year we can claim tax relief on your donation and increase the value by 31%. This is no cost to you. We have generous people who donate monthly e.g if you donate €20 per month that equals €240.00, if you added €1 to your monthly amount, it would equal €252 and therefore we can claim tax back on your donation.

We are doing our tax reclaim now and are sending out an enduring reclaim form, that will ask if you wish to allow us to make a claim, if so you can sign it and return to the parish office for next years reclaim. If you do not receive one and wish to donate, please contact us and we will arrange one for you. **We ask that you return your form as soon as possible please.**

*To all the people who contribute so generously to our parish, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continuous support. Over and over you have shown a wonderful generosity.*