

Building for the Future

January 2025 Update



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our building project.

We thank God for all His provision over the past year. In 2024 we identified a suitable property, agreed the sale, obtained planning approval, and raised the finance needed for the purchase!

Since our last update we have begun meeting in a larger room in a local hotel. Although weekly room hire there is expensive, it has been a blessing to have enough space to fit everyone comfortably. We thank God for all our church family and for continuing to bring new people along.



Progress update

Progress has been a little slow since our last update because the legal process has taken longer than expected, as it often does. There are no major obstacles, but it took time for the solicitors to understand the management and maintenance arrangements of the retail park that our new building is situated in. They have now got to the bottom of these issues and are happy to proceed with the sale.



The sale contracts were issued for signing, so we expect it to be completed within the next few weeks. We hope to begin the renovation works soon afterwards.

Financial Update

To date we have raised **€383,861**. We have an additional approved loan of €100,000 from a community finance organisation but we are hopeful that this will not be required.

The building purchase price is €285,000. We expect the renovations to cost around €100,000 for the first phase of making the building legal and functional, with approximately another €50,000 needed for finishes and furnishing.

Therefore the total project cost will be in the region of €400,000 to €450,000.

You can give towards this project at www.calvarychurchclaremorris.ie/donate

Renovation works

We have identified our main building team and are working closely with them to plan the works.

Our schedule is roughly as follows:

Phase 1: Legally required works

- Fire regulation works - fire walls, escape doors, fire alarm and smoke vents
- Disabled access works - disabled toilets
- Main electrical works

2-3 months

Phase 2: Finishes and furniture

- Complete internal fit out
- Floor and wall finishes and decorating
- Furniture and audio-visual equipment

2-3 months

While we will have a team of builders, we would love to also have help from volunteers. There will be opportunities for skilled volunteers to help with certain tasks during the first phase of legally required works. The second phase will lend itself to enthusiastic volunteers, handy men / women, and our own member's skills.

If you would be willing to come and volunteer, please get in touch.

Timescales

An approximate timescale would be as follows:

- Purchase completed February 2025
- Legally required works completed April 2025
- Finishes and furnishing completed August 2025

Thank you for your continued prayers and support for this project.

Please continue to remember all aspects of the ministry here in prayer.

