

The image shows the interior of the Church of Our Lady of Victory in Valletta. The top half features a blue-tinted view of the ornate, vaulted ceiling with intricate gold leaf decorations and religious paintings. The bottom half shows the nave with rows of wooden pews, a patterned carpet, and the altar area in the distance. A semi-transparent blue box with white text is overlaid on the top half.

Our Lady of Victory Church

VALLETTA

The Church of Our Lady of Victory was the first church, and probably the first building, to be erected in Valletta by Grand Master Jean Parisot de Valette in 1566. It is dedicated to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin which is celebrated on 8 September.

The church is known as Our Lady of Victory as it was built in thanksgiving for the victory of the Order of St John and the Maltese over the invading Turkish fleet of Suleiman the Magnificent, which ended on the eve of 8 September 1565. The date became doubly recognised as a national feast when the Italian fleet surrendered outside Grand Harbour on 8 September 1943 during the Second World War.

About the Venue

OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH

The elegant doors of the baroque facade of Our Lady of Victory Church open onto a spectacular interior which boasts of some of the most beautiful art on the Maltese islands. The monumental vault paintings by the 18th century Maltese artist Alessio Erardi are a jewel in their own right, and compliment the fine decorative schemes of the side altars. The icon of Our Lady in its silver riza takes pride of place above the titular painting representing the Nativity of the Virgin.

It is the perfect setting for religious wedding ceremonies, as well as intimate concerts, recitals and lectures.

Capacity & Facilities

Seats 120 people

Toilet: 1

Parking: Yes

