



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Parish Church Christ the Saviour				
Address	Misrah it-Transfigurazzjoni				
Town Name	Lija	Toponym	-	Local Council	Lija
Property Owner	Religious	Managing Body	Archidioceses		
Guardianship Deed	No				

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)				
Phase	Modern: British (1800 - 1964)				
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	High		
	Artistic				
	Historical				
Property Function	Religious	Conservation Area	No		

Outline Description	Lija became a parish in the year 1594 and its old parish church was dedicated to St Saviour. The new parish church, the Transfiguration of Christ Church, was completed in 1700 and dedicated by Bishop Labini on the 25th July, 1782.				
Property Description	<p>The church was designed by the Maltese architect Giovanni Barbara. The two bell towers were a later addition to the complex in 1709. Further alteration took place in 1780.</p> <p>The church is another example of retrained Baroque architecture. The elevation is raised on a series of low-raised stairs which in turn is raised on high plinths which rise to nearly two-thirds of the façade. The stone moulded main portal, is centrally placed and is surmounted by a simple segmented arch which is detached from the moulding on the upper part of the door. Directly above the main door, there is a large marble plaque surmounted by a richly ornate window. The central bay is edged by two projecting Ionic capitals. This technique further enhances the central bay. The façade then terminates with a tall slender Ionic pilaster. Running along the entire width of the elevation, there is a blank cornice topped with a wide entablature.</p> <p>The top tier of the façade terminates with two austere bell-towers, each housing a single bell and a clock, and a central triangular pediment with a relief of Christ the Saviour and topped with a Cross. Behind the pediment, there is a round dome.</p>				

Scheduled by MEPA	No	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	782	G.N. Date	2011
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Recommended Bibliography	Various, <i>Church Christ the Saviour</i> , accessed on 26th August 2012 < http://www.amaltaattraction.com/malta-attractions/transfiguration-church-lija.htm >				
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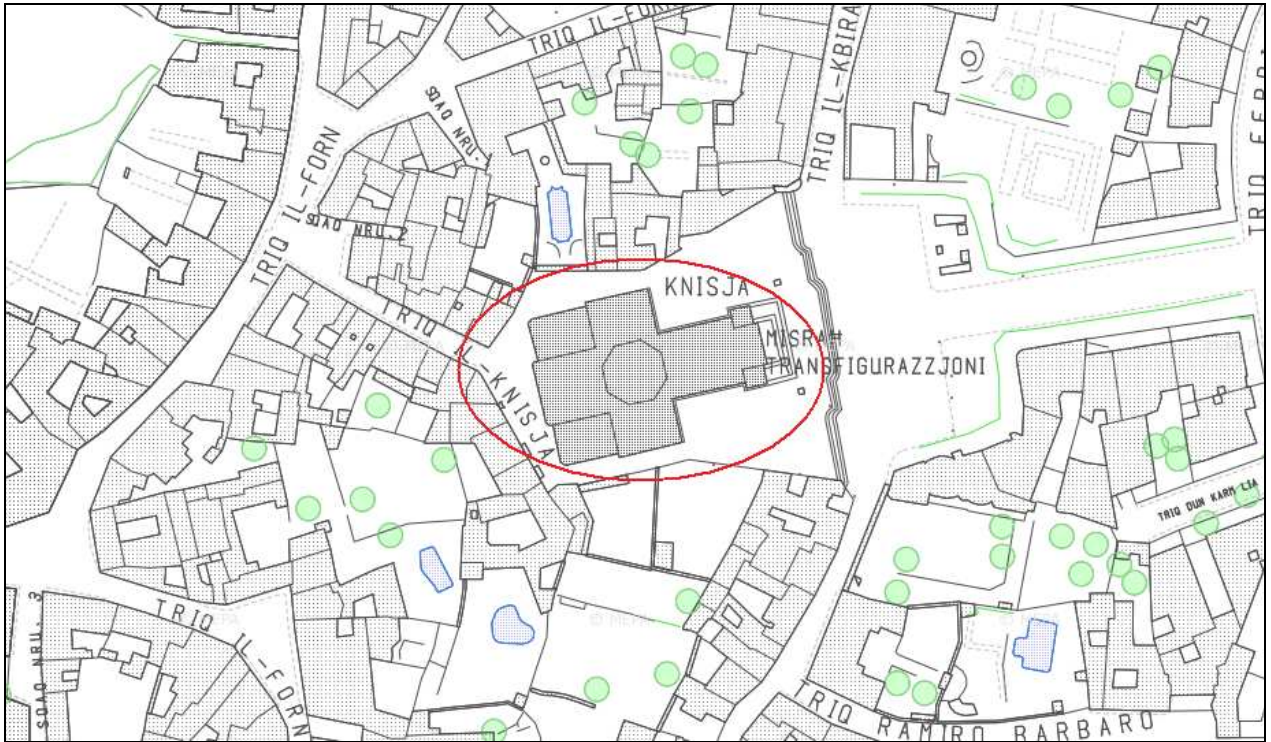
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Property Plan



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