



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 1260

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Property Name	Parish Church dedicated to St Catherine of Alexandria		
Address	Triq Misrah Republika		
Town Name	Zurrieq	Toponym	-
		Local Council	Zurrieq
Property Owner	Religious	Managing Body	-
Guardianship Deed	-		

Period	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Artistic Architectural Social	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Very High
Property Function	Religious	Conservation Area	-

Outline Description	Parish Church dedicated to St Catherine of Alexandria
Property Description	<p>Dedicated to the St Catherine of Alexandria and adorned with the works of art by Mattia Pretti, Fra Luca Garnier, Mattia Perez d'Aleccio, Francesco Zahra and Lazzaro Pisani. The church was built between 1632 and 1658, probably on the plans of Dun Matteolo Saliba who served as a parish priest in 1635 – 1676. The church was consecrated in 1731. The church has undergone several changes and extensions, including the addition of two bell towers, a sacristy and five naves.</p> <p>The façade, which is reached by a flight of steps, is characterized by a wide bay with clustered Doric pilasters and a large doorway, which door was designed by Abram Gatt, and topped with a double pediment –semicircular and triangular. The each side bay is decorated with a statue set within a niche – St Joseph on the left hand and St Roque on the right. A running cornice separated the ground floor from the upper level. The upper level is framed by a number of clustered Ionic pilasters, and is characterized by a centrally positioned large stained glass window set within a tick moulded frame and adorned with an escutcheon, and headed by pediment. The upper central bay is flanked by two large clocks. A large statue of Christ the Saviour, designed by Censu Apap and sculpted by Marco Montebello adorns the top of the pediment. The statue is flanked by two bell towers, which were added in 1861 and designed by Dr Nikola Zammit, which consist of large bell-windows decorated with balustrades, pediments having round shaped windows and topped with pinnacles.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	728	G.N. Date	2011
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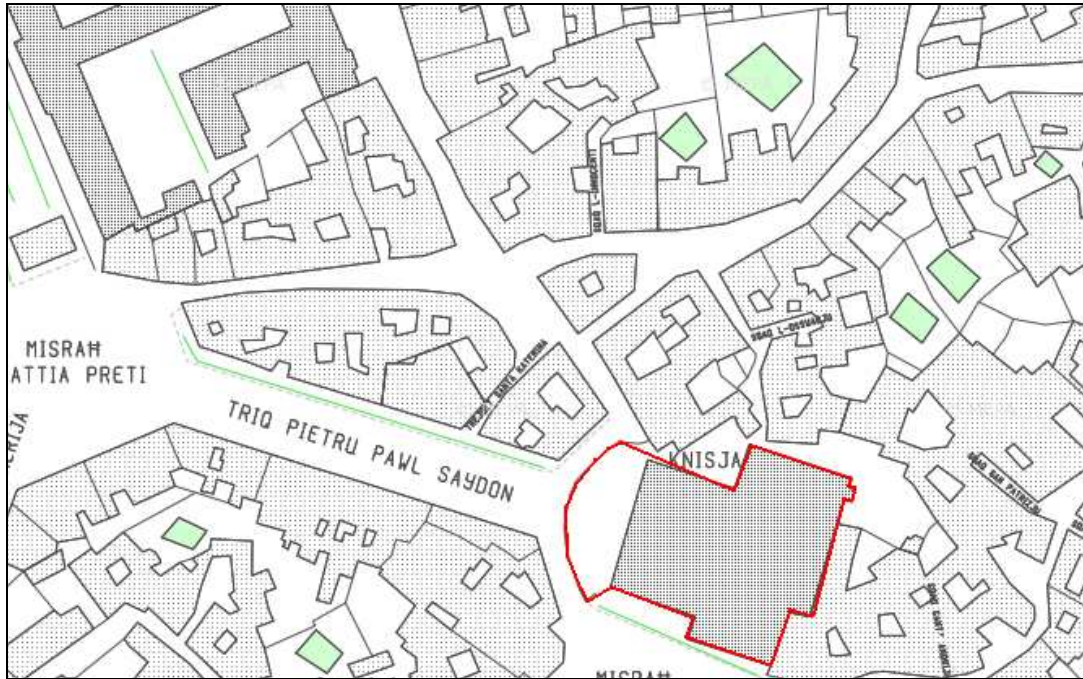
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Property Plan



Property Images

