



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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<b>Property Name</b>	Chapel of St. Gregory and St. Catherine		
<b>Address</b>	Old Parish		
<b>Town Name</b>	Zejtun	<b>Toponym</b>	<b>Local Council</b> Zejtun
<b>Property Owner</b>	<b>Managing Body</b> Religious Denomination		
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>			

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Medieval (6th to 16th Century AD)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Artistic Architectural Social	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	High
<b>Property Function</b>	Religious	<b>Conservation Area</b>	

<b>Outline Description</b>	Chapel dedicated to St Catherine; known as Ta' San Girgor
<b>Property Description</b>	The church, which originally served as the parish church for the village of Zejtun, is dedicated to St Catherine. However, this church is more commonly referred to as the Church of St Gregory due to an annual votive procession held during the feast of St Gregory. The present day church was built on the site of an older 15th century chapel, which was also dedicated to St Catherine, and to an adjacent private chapel dedicated to St Mark and St Jacob. In the early 17th century, the chapel was restructured and enlarged. Later restructuring, also led to the demolition of the adjacent private chapel. The extensions included the construction of two transepts, which were built to form a Latin Cross, and which are considered to be a true architectural example of the Gothic style in Malta. Another addition to the church was its dome, which is considered to be one of the earliest domes built in Malta. The dome consists of a low saucer dome set on a squat drum. The present day facade was probably altered in the 17th century, when a Renaissance doorway was added. The doorway is characterized by an arched door flanked by a set of pilasters crowned by an architrave and cornice. The centrally placed 'oculus' window crowned by a small belfry probably form part of the same 17th century additions.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	Yes	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	Grade 1	<b>G.N. No.</b>	198	<b>G.N. Date</b>	96
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	Guillaumier, Alfie (1972) Bliet u Rhula Maltin Kilin (2000) A Hundred Wayside Chapels of Malta and Gozo Kappelli Maltin
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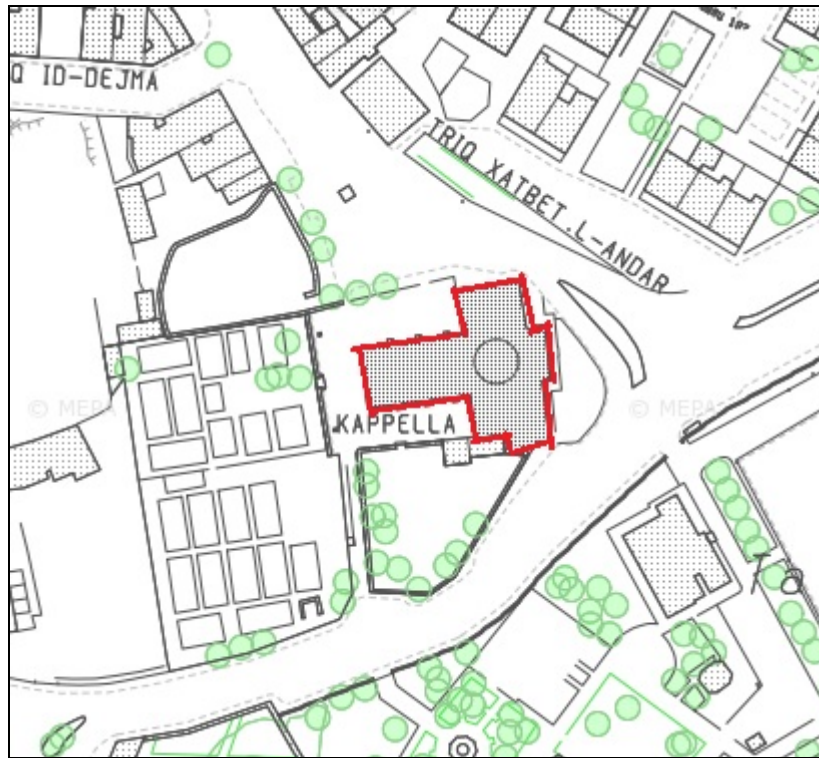
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Property Plan



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