



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00895

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Property Name	Church of St James				
Address	Pjazza Indipendenza				
Town Name	Rabat	Toponym	-	Local Council	Rabat (Għawdex)
Property Owner	Religious	Managing Body	Archidioceses		
Guardianship Deed	no				

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

Outline Description	<p>The present chapel is not the first chapel to have been built on this site. The original chapel is quite old. In 1575, the first chapel was found in such a bad state that Duzzina had issued an order for the church to be closed.</p>
Property Description	<p>When rebuilding the chapel, the plan was changed and sadly some of the features were lost. However, the parvis was retained.</p> <p>The front elevation of this chapel is basically a symmetrical composition with classical pilasters under an entablature. However, it also incorporates a number of decorative details on the pediment which crowns the elevation and appears to be derived from Islamic architecture. The balcony in the centre of the façade also strikes a discordant note.</p> <p>Directly above the balcony there is a raised projection of the façade with scrolls on the side and a Cross on top.</p> <p>The chapel has a single campanile to one side, while the previous chapel had two campanili. At the base of the campanile is a large blind niche which hopefully one day will accommodate a statue.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	No	Degree of Protection	-	G.N. No.	-	G.N. Date	-
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Recommended Bibliography	<p>Grech, P., (1999), <i>Exploring The Chapels of Gozo</i>: Malta: Progress Press Co. Ltd Valletta</p>
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

