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Property Name	Chapel of St Nicholas
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Address Triq San Leonardu

Town Name Żabbar Toponym Local Council Żabbar

Property Owner Religious Managing Body Archidiocise

Guardianship Deed No

Period Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)

Phase Early Modern: Knights of St John (1530-1798)

Cultural Heritage
Type & Value

Architectural
Artistic

Cultural Heritage
Property Value

Historical Assessment
Religious Conservation Area N

Outline Description

Property Function

The origins of the chapel are uncertain however, from accounted documents, there has always been a presence of a chapel dedicated to Saint Nicholas.

High

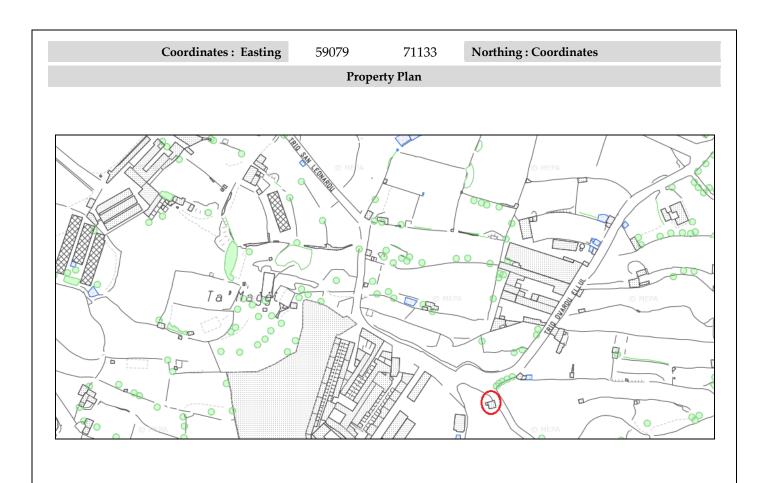
Property Description

Works on the present chapel initiated on 10th July of 1759, with its foundation stone being laid by Mons. Giovanni Maria Azzopardi Castelletii. Three years later, works on the chapel were terminated and thus was consecrated. The chapel follows a square plan. It is small and presumably served the religious need of the farmers who lived in the vicinity. The west façade is elevated with the use of plinths on which flat pilasters are raised. On either side of the main portal, there is a set of pilasters comprising of two pilasters each. Running along the entire façade, there is a wide entablature which is topped with a cornice. The central bay is perforated with a rectangular door embellished with stone mouldings and capped with a triangular pediment. Directly above the door, there is an aperture which illuminates the inside. The central bay terminates with the coat of arms of Bishop Rull and a triangular pediment topped with a Cross. On either side of the façade, there is a burning urn. On the side of the chapel one can see a single bell cot that is not occupied. The dome is raised on an octagonal drum and has a small cylindrical dome with scrolls intervals.

Scheduled by MEPA No Degree of Protection G.N. No. G.N. Date

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