



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00894

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<b>Property Name</b>	Church of the Nativity of the Madonna				
<b>Address</b>	Pjazza Savina				
<b>Town Name</b>	Rabat	<b>Toponym</b>	-	<b>Local Council</b>	Rabat (Għawdex)
<b>Property Owner</b>	Religious	<b>Managing Body</b>	Archidioceses		
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	no				

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

<b>Outline Description</b>	The original chapel is very old and has been rebuilt countless times. It is thought that at first this chapel was located nearer the bastions of the Citadel and that it even dates round the arrival of Count Roger in Malta.
<b>Property Description</b>	The front elevation of the chapel is tall, narrow, classical composition, with the accentuation on the height. This accentuation is created by a flight of semicircular steps leading to the main door, and also the central bell-tower. The façade proclaims its new status as a chapel of Perpetual Adoration. A central niche contains a large statue of Christ holding out the chalice in his right hand, whilst below, in the segmental pediment over the main door, is a bas relief of Agnus Dei. The elevation is divided by two superimposed orders of pilasters. Carved into the entablature of the lower Ionic pilasters is the inscription Venite Adoremus Dnum.

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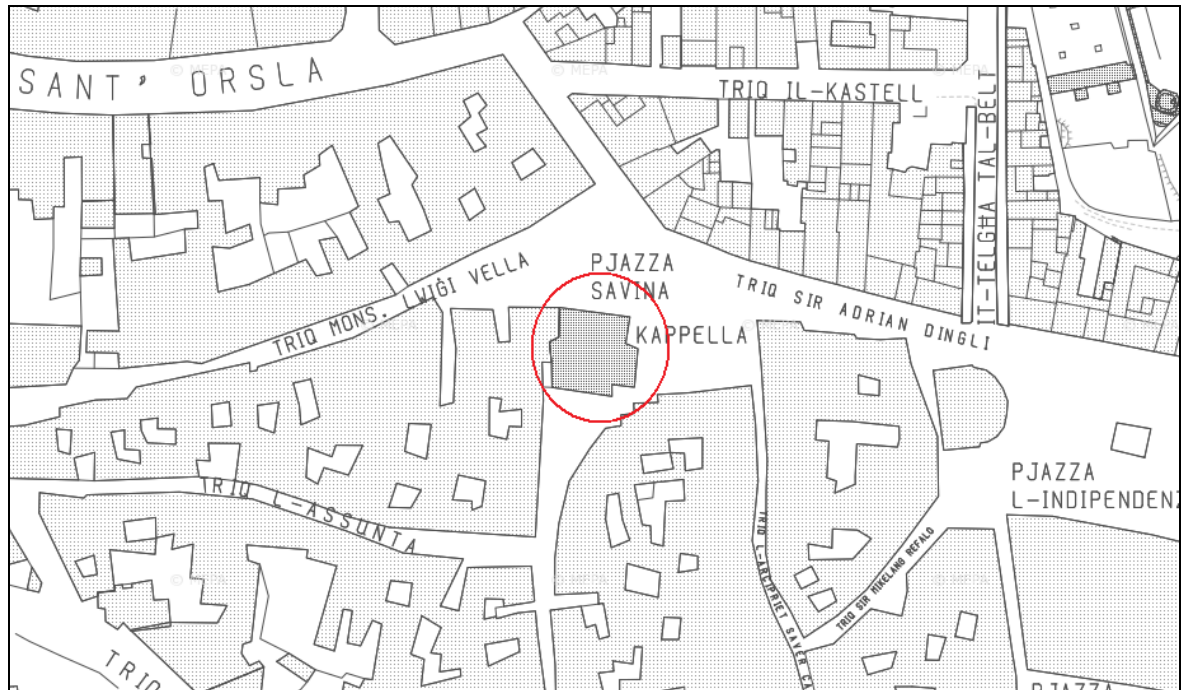
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Property Plan



Property Images

