



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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Property Name	Church of St Publius		
Address	Triq il-Kullegg		
Town Name	Rabat	Toponym	Local Council Rabat
Property Owner	Religious	Managing Body	Religious Denomination
Guardianship Deed			

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

Outline Description	Church dedicated to St Publius
Property Description	The present-day church dedicated to St. Publius, is built above a cave known by the locals as St Paul's Grotto. The first church was built by Juen Benaguas, but in 1692 it was demolished to be replaced by a larger chapel based on the drawings of Lorenzo Gafa'. The chapel was enlarged in 1753, and in the 1960s, the church was annexed to the Parish church dedicated to St Paul. Its facade is characterised by a rectangular door at the right corner, enframed by a masonry framework and headed by a broken cornice. Centrally placed in the broken cornice is a semicircular niche, headed by a scallop housing the statue of St. Paul. A small oculus window is centrally located above the main doorway. A plain rectangular door, headed by a rectangular window, is set at the left end of the facade. At rooftop level, the facade is embellished by a rectangular bell tower. It is characterised by Palladian windows set within a masonry framework and flanked at each corner by double pilasters, headed by a cornice. The cornice is embellished by a finial on each side and a centrally placed dome-like structure.

Scheduled by MEPA	Degree of Protection	G.N. No.	G.N. Date
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Recommended Bibliography	Guillaumier, Alfie (1972) Bliet u Rhula Maltin
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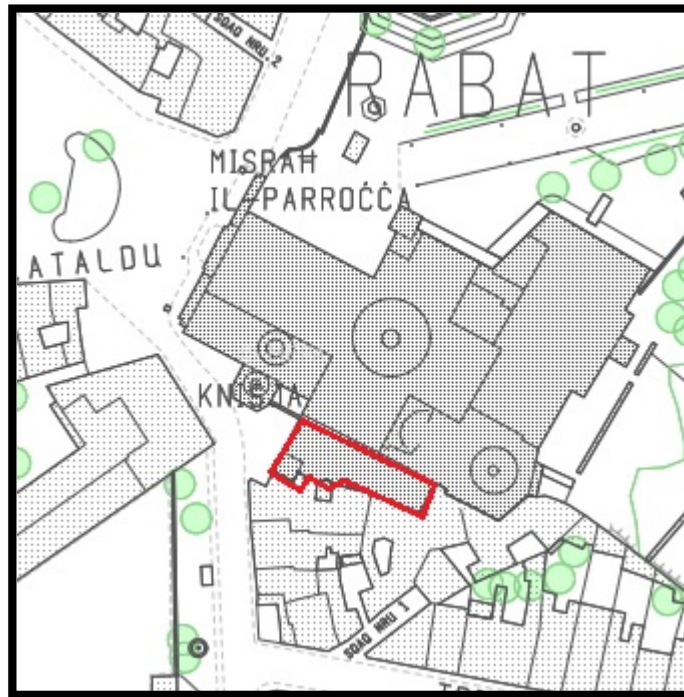
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Property Plan



Property Images

