

# Feast of Our Lady of Loreto

## 2008 Official Program of Activities

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### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

#### Consecration of the Parish Day

9.00am - Mass followed by solemn adoration and eucharistic benediction in preparation for the feast.

7.30pm - High Mass in occasion of the 19th anniversary of the consecration of the new Parish Church with the solemn singing of the Vespers and the incensing of the crosses

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### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August

8.30pm - A night of silence and prayer at 'Ta Pinu' Sanctuary. The Ghajnsielem community will join the rest of the Gozo diocese in this vigil of prayers on the occasion of the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Transport provided at 7.45pm.

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### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August

#### Solemnity of the Glorious Assumption of the Virgin

Being a day of obligation, mass is performed as per Sunday's schedule

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### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August

#### Children's and 'Krucjata Ewkaristika's Day

9.00am - Holy Mass for all children. An activity will then be held at the Parish Center

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### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August

5.45pm – Arrival of the 'Our Lady of Lourdes' statue in the main square. Recitation of the rosary will then follow. The statue will remain in display for public devotion until Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

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## Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August

6.00pm – Holy Mass

7.30pm – The statue of 'Our Lady of Lourdes' will be taken to Lourdes Grotto in Mgarr. The Procession will assume the form of an Aux Flambeaux. Members of the religious orders will take part in this procession. Gozo Bishop Mons. Mario Grech will then deliver Holy Mass.

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## Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August

### Beneficiaries Day

12.00pm – Holy Mass at the Ghajnsielem Cemetery presided by Archpriest Can. Frankie Bajada.

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## Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August

### Religious Communities Day

7.00pm – Holy Mass presided by all the local religious communities.

7.30pm - Joyous mota marking the start of the official Feast Celebrations

8.30pm – Ghajnsielem Fest 2008 – Musical Talent show organized by the Ghajnsielem Local Council. The show will take place in the main square and broadcasted live on Radju Lauretana.

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## Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August

### First day of the Novena – Vocations Days

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration presided by Archpriest Can. Frankie Bajada, in which the investiture of new altarboys takes place.

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## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

### Second day of the Novena – Family Day

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration with special prayers for the married couples especially those who this year are celebrating 25, 50 and 60 years marriage. Lauretana Choir will animate the mass.

9.00pm – BBQ at 'Fuq il-Ghajn' Street. All emigrants are invited to attend.

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## Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

### Third day of the Novena – Youths Day

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration animated by the local youths

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## Sunday 24th August

### Fourth day of the Novena – Charity Day

*An Open Day will be held at the St Joseph Band Club which will include several activities and exhibitions. Radju Luaretana will broadcast live from the Band's premises. The general public is invited to attend.*

10.00am – Holy Mass with the collaboration of Arka and Respite Center

5.00pm – Holy Mass and presentation of the babies and children to Our Lady of Loreto

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## Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August

### Fifth day of the Novena – Consecrated and Apostolic Life Day

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary, Salve Regina and Eucharistic celebration.

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration by Fr. Joseph Magro ofm.

8.15pm – Band March by St Joseph Band starting from Garden Street and ending in the main square.

9.15pm – Titular statue taken out of its niche among the Marian hymns of the present crowd. Last feast collection.

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## Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> August

### Sixth day of the Novena – St Joseph Band Day

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary and Eucharistic celebration.

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration.

9.00pm – The St Joseph Band will perform a musical program in the main square under the auspices of the President of Malta, Dr Edward Fenech Adami. A short band march from the Band Club's premises to the main square (where the performance will be held) will start at 8.15pm.

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## Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August

### First day of the Solemn Triduum in preparation for the Solemnity – Emigrants Day

6.15pm - Celebration of the Vespers

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Archpriest Can. Frankie Bajada. Sermon delivered by Kan. Joseph Sultana. Hymn, antiphon and Eucharistic benediction. All emigrants are invited to take an active part in this ceremony.

9.30pm – Marian vigil of prayers in the main square led by P. Karm Dimech ofm Cap.

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## Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August

### Second day of the Solemn Triduum – Priests Day

6.15pm - Celebration of the Vespers

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Fr. Joe Cardona. Sermon delivered by Kan. Joseph Sultana. Hymn, antiphon and Eucharistic benediction.

9.30pm – Traditional Band March from Simirat Street ending in the St Joseph Band Club premises. St Joseph Band joined by Qala's 'Ite ad Joseph'.

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## Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August

### Third day of the Solemn Triduum – Sick and Elderly Day

- 9.00am – The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered to the sick and the elderly members of the parish.
- 6.00pm – Celebration of the Vespers
- 7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Mons Joseph Zerafa. Sermon delivered by Kan. Joseph Sultana. Hymn, antiphon and Eucharistic benediction.
- 9.00pm – Sannat's 'Santa Margerita' band will play a short band march from J. F. De Chambray Street and then perform a musical program in the main square.
- 9.30pm – Grand demonstration with the statue of 'Our Lady of Home' starting from Mgarr Road ending in the main square. The St Joseph Band and Xaghra's 'Victory' Band will take part.
- 12.00am – The statue will be elevated onto its pedestal in a unique way among the chanting of 'Ave Maria' and 'Viva x-Xemx'. A huge fire-planes display will follow.
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## Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August

### Conclusion of the Solemn Triduum

- 8.30am - Pontifical concelebration presided by Mons. Nikol G. Cauchi, Bishop Emeritus of Gozo. The Te Deum hymn concludes the solemn Triduum.
- 5.15pm – St Joseph Band plays marches from Cordina Street.
- 6.30pm – The St Joseph Band and the members of the religious orders will then accompany the solemn procession of the Relic which departs from the Old Parish Church. The procession will be led by Vigarju Mons Giovanni Bosco Gauci.
- 7.00pm – Celebration of the First Vespers of the Solemnity, presided by Archpriest Can. Frankie Bajada.
- 8.00pm – Mass
- 9.00pm – Nadur's 'Mnajra' will play a band march from Garden Street followed by a musical program in the square.
- 9.30pm – Traditional "Marc ta' lejlet il-festa" starting from Hamri street and ending in the main square. Band marches performed by the St Joseph Band and Victoria's 'Banda La Stella'.
- 12.00am – Grand ground-fireworks were display
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## Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August

### Feast of Our Lady of Loreto

- Mass at 5.00am, 6.00am, 7.00am, 8.00am
- 9.00am - Pontifical Eucharistic Concelebration of the Solemnity presided by the bishop of Gozo, H.L. Mgr Mario Grech. The 'Cappella Diacono' under the direction of Mons. Gwann Galea will animate the concelebration.
- Mass continues at 11.00am, 4.30pm, 5.30pm
- 5.15 – Band March from Xewkija's 'Prekursur' Band starting from Hamri street and ending in the main square.
- 6.30pm – Solemn Vespers led by Arcpreist Emeritus Mons, Joseph Zerafa.
- 6.30pm – The St Joseph Band Club will start a short band march from the Apparition Square (Fawwara Street).
- 7.30pm – Appearance of the statue of 'Our Lady of Loreto'. A Pontifical Procession will then start along the main streets. The St Joseph Band proudly accompanies the procession with the performance of religious hymns.
- 8.00pm – Victoria's Lealone Band will perform a musical program in the main square.
- 10.25pm – The procession arrives in the main square ending with a triumphal entrance of the statue. Arcpriest Can. Frankie Bajada will then execute the popular antiphon and Eucharistic celebration.
- 11.00pm – Band march by St Joseph Band starting from Apparition square and ending at midnight in the main square.