

Feast of Our Lady of Loreto

2010 Official Program of Activities

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Friday 13th August

Consecration of the Parish Day

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

7.30pm - Concelebrated Pontifical Mass led by Archpriest Can. Frankie Bajada in occasion of the 21st anniversary of the consecration of the new Parish Church with the solemn singing of the Vespers and the incensing of the crosses. After the mass, the newly-built lantern will be blessed.

Open Day at Radju Lauretana Studios.

Saturday 14th August

7.30pm - 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 at 7.30pm.

Sunday 15th August

Solemnity of the Glorious Assumption of the Virgin

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

Monday 16th August

8.00pm - Mass led by Fr. Anthony Bajada in Tolfa Square

Tuesday 17th August

8.00pm – Mass at the St Ceclia Tower. Confession is available from 7.30pm onwards. Transport provided from Main Square at 7.30pm. A small banquet will be held afterwards.

Wednesday 18th August

Today we take part in the diocesan pilgrim at Mgarr, Malta

Wednesday 19th August

As a preparation for the feast, it would be worth and deserving if we make some form of fasting throughout the day

10.00am - Mass for all local children and parents. Msida's *Habbara tal-Mulej* will animate the mass.

7.30pm – A pilgrim will depart from Malta Street and Comino Street to Lourdes Chapel where a mass will be celebrated by Mons. Girgor Grech in the Lourdes Grotto.

8.30pm - Joyous mota marking the start of the official Feast Celebrations

Thursday 19th August

First day of the Novena – Vocations Day

During the Novena days, a charity campaign will be held. Preserves and financial donations can be left adjacent the altar of Our Lady of Loreto

6.15pm - Recitation of the rosary

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration presided by Mons Eucharistico Sultana with special prayers for vocations

8.30pm – GHJNSIELEMFEST 2010 – Musical Talent show organized by the Ghajnsielem Local Council. The show will take place in the main square and broadcasted live on Radju Lauretana.

Friday 20st August

Second day of the Novena – Catholic Engagement Day

6.15pm - Recitation of the rosary

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Dun Manuel Magro with sermon delivered by Diacon John Mailak with the participation of members of the local religious orders and Eucharistic communities. The children who this year received the First Holy Communion and Holy Confirmation are also invited.

9.00pm – BBQ at 'Fuq il-Ghajn' Street. Everyone is invited especially the expatriates.

Saturday 21st August

Third day of the Novena – Children's Happiness Day and Anniversary of Old Parish Church

6.15pm - Recitation of the rosary, Salve Regina and Eucharistic Celebration followed by Novena Mass.

7.00pm - Solemn concelebration led by Mons Lawrence Xerri. Afterwards, the children will accompany the newly renovated statue of Our Lady of Home to the old parish church *aux flambaux* to commemorate the 200th anniversary

Sunday 22nd August

Fourth day of the Novena – Family Day

An Open Day will be held at the St Joseph Band Club which will include a sculpture exhibition and musical program in the morning and several activates cultural shows from 7.30pm onwards. The general public is invited to attend.

10.00am – Holy Mass led by Fr. Paul Chetcuti with special prayers for the married couples especially those who this year are celebrating 25, 50 and 60 years of marriage. Lauretana Choir will animate the mass.

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

6.30pm – Holy Mass at the Ghajnsielem cemetery for the Ghajnselmizi who passed to the eternal life.

Monday 23rd 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 with the participation of all members of the local religious orders

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

10.00pm – Titular statue taken out of its niche among the Marian hymns of the present crowd. Last feast collection.

Tuesday 24th August

Sixth day of the Novena – Youths Talent Day

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary and Eucharistic celebration.

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led Fr Joseph Farrugia with the participation and animation of the local youths

9.00pm – The St Joseph Band will perform a musical program in the main square under the direction of Director Sunny Galea and Ass. Director Frankie Debono. The concert starts with a short band march from the Band Club's premises.

Wednesday 25th August

First day of the Solemn Triduum

6.30pm - Celebration of the Vespers

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Can Joe Cardona. Sermon delivered by Mons. Lawrence Sciberras. 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 Diacon Samuel Grech, John MAilak and Stephen Magro ofm.

Thursday 26th August

Second day of the Solemn Triduum

6.30pm - Celebration of the Vespers

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Fr. Joe Cardona. Sermon delivered by Can. Mikiel Borg. Hymn, antiphon and Eucharistic benediction.

9.30pm – Traditional Band March from Simirat Street ending in the St Joseph Band Club premises. St Joseph Band will be joined by Qala's 'Ite ad Joseph'. The statue of Our Lady of Home will be accompanied from the old parish church to the St Joseph Band Club

Friday 27th August

Third day of the Solemn Triduum – Hope of the Holy Cross 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 Joseph Magro ofm. Sermon delivered by Mons Lawrence Schiberras. Hymn, antiphon and Eucharistic benediction.

9.00pm – Nadur's 'Mnarja' 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.

Saturday 28th August

Conclusion of the Solemn Triduum

8.30am - Pontifical concelebration presided by Mons. Nicol G. Cauchi, Bishop Emeritus. 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 – Victoria's 'La Stella' Band 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 Xaghra's 'Victory' Band.

12.00am – Grand ground-fireworks and musical display

Sunday 29th August

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Mass at 5.00am, 6.00am, 7.00am, 8.00am

9.00am - Pontifical Eucharistic Concelebration of the Solemnity presided by the Gozo Bishop Emeritus, Mons Nikol Cauchi. The 'Cappella Diacono' under the direction of Mons. Gwann Galea will animate the concelebration.

Mass continues at 11.00am, 4.30pm, 5.30pm

5.15pm – Band March from Sannat's 'Santa Margerita' 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.

7.45pm – Victoria's Leone 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.