

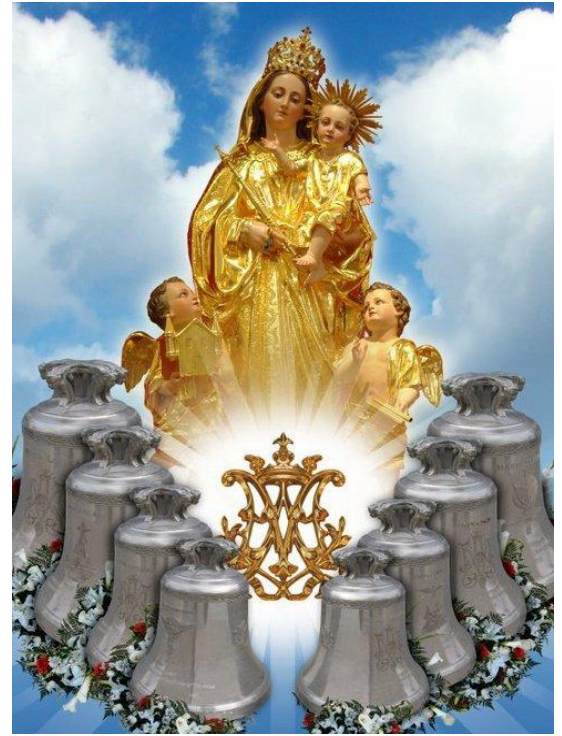
Feast of Our Lady of Loreto

Official Program of Activities August 2011

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Thursday 11th August

Arrival of the Bells

6.30pm – The set of eight bells arrive in Mgarr Harbour.

7.00pm - The St Joseph Band will welcome the bells from Chambray street. The bells will be carried to the main square where slowly, one by one, they were placed on pillars purposely prepared for their arrival.

Saturday 13th August

7.00pm – Concelebrated Mass led by Archpriest Can. Frankie Bajada on the 22nd Anniversary of the archparish church

8.00pm - A night of silence and prayer at the Ghajnsielem Parish Church led by Mons. Rużar Borg.

12.00am – Midnight Mass

Sunday 14th August

Blessing of the Bells

8.00am – Open Day starts at Radju Lauretana

9.00am – Concelebrated Mass ‘In Fractione Panis’ led by Gozo Bishop Mgr Mario Grech with the participation of Chorus Urbanus and the Virgo and Lauretana choir under the direction of Mro. Dr John Galea who was an advisor on the harmony of the new bells.

10.30am – The statue of Our Lady of Loreto will also be taken out of its niche among the Marian hymns of the present crowd.

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11.15am – The ceremony of the blessing of the bells takes place in the main square.

8.15pm - 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.

8.30pm – Dinner dance in the parking adjacent ‘Ta Passi’ fields with entertainment provided by popular singer Freddie Portelli. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuesday 16th August

8.00pm – Mass at the St Cecilia Tower by novel priest Fr. Samuel Grech. Confession is available from 7.30pm onwards. Transport provided from Main Square at 7.30pm. A small banquet will be held afterwards.

Wednesday 17th August

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

7.30pm – A pilgrim will depart from Malta Street and Comino Street to Lourdes Chapel where a mass will be celebrated by Archpriest Can. Frankie Bajada

8.45pm - Joyous mota marking the start of the official Feast Celebrations

Thursday 18th 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

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary

7.00pm – Thanksgiving Mass by Mons. Manwel Curmi and Fr. Karm Xerri on the 50th Anniversary of thier ordination.

8.30pm – Open House at Arka Foundation

Friday 19st August

Second day of the Novena – Catholic Engagement Day

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Franciscan Provincial Raymond Camilleri ofm with the participation of members of the local religious orders and Eucharistic communities.

8.00pm – BBQ at 'Fuq il-Ghajj' Street. Everyone is invited especially the expatriates.

Saturday 20st August

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

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary, Salve Regina and Eucharistic Celebration followed by Novena Mass.

7.00pm - Solemn concelebration led by Fr. Trevor Sultana. The children who this year received the Holy Confirmation and all children between Year 4 and Form 2 are also invited.

Sunday 21st August

Priest Day

5.00pm – Departure of novel priest Fr. Samuel Grech from Latini Street (Piazza Tolfra) to the main square accompanied by the St. Joseph Band.

6.00pm – First Solemn Mass of Fr. Samuel Grech animated by the orchestra led by Mro. Frankie Debono.

Monday 22nd August

Fifth day of the Novena – Catholic Family Day

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

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Fr. Manuel Magro with the participation of several married couples. A small gift will be presented to the newlyweds and all couples which are celebrating the 25th and 50th anniversary of their marriage.

9.15pm – Band March by St Joseph Band starting from Garden Street and ending in the main square.

Tuesday 23rd August

Sixth day of the Novena – Youths Talent Day

6.30pm - Recitation of the rosary and Eucharistic celebration.

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Fr. Krystof Buttigieg with the participation and animation of the local youths

9.00pm – The St Joseph Band will perform a musical program in front of the club's premises under the direction of Director Sunny Galea and Ass. Director Frankie Debono. The society will also inaugurate the main hall of the club.

Wednesday 24th August

First day of the Solemn Triduum

6.30pm - Celebration of the Vespers

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Fr. Richard Stanley Grech. Sermon delivered by Mons. Eucharistico Sultana. Hymn, antiphon and Eucharistic benediction.

9.30pm – Marian vigil of prayers in the main square led by Fr. Richard Stanley Grech ofm..

Thursday 25th August

Second day of the Solemn Triduum

6.30pm - Celebration of the Vespers

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

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 elevated on a platform in Independence Square.

Friday 26th August

Third day of the Solemn Triduum – Hope and Friendship Day

9.00am – The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered to the sick and the elderly members of the parish.

6.15pm – Celebration of the Vespers

7.00pm – Solemn concelebration led by Can. Joe Cardona. Sermon delivered by Mons. Eucharistico Sultana. 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 27th August

Conclusion of the Solemn Triduum

9.00am - Pontifical concelebration presided by Archpriest Can. Frankie Bajada. 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 Mons. Ġużeppi Cauchi.

8.00pm – Mass led by Fr. Joseph Farrugia.

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 28th 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 Gozo Bishop, 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

5.30pm – 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 Can Frankie Bajada.

6.30pm – The St Joseph Band Club will play marches from its club's premises finishing in the main square.

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 Leaone 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.

10.45pm – Band march by Kercem St Gregory band starting from Chambray Street and ending in the main square.