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European Union Fast Facts



(CNN) Here is a look at the [European Union](#).
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The European Union is an international organization made up of 28 European countries.

It governs common economic, social and security policies of its member states.

According to the [EU website](#), the objectives of the European Union are to establish European citizenship, ensure freedom, justice and security, promote economic and social progress, and assert Europe's role in the world.

Membership is open to any country with a democratic government, a good human rights record, and sound economic policies.

The member states delegate sovereignty to the EU institutions to represent the interests of the European Union as a whole.

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- A member state which decides to withdraw shall notify the European Council of its intention. In the light of the guidelines provided by the European Council, the Union shall negotiate and conclude an agreement with that State, setting out the arrangements for its withdrawal, taking account of the framework for its future relationship with the Union. The EU countries are:

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13 children's organisations unite to speak with one voice

1st children's Network launched in Malta

Thirteen organisations working with children have united under one umbrella network to serve as a united voice for children and to ensure their rights are enshrined in the law. Called the Malta Children's Associations Network (MaltaCAN), this new platform was inspired by Eurochild President Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca and is being set up to promote, foster and support children's rights and child participatory mechanisms in Malta. "This is the first network of its kind in Malta and I believe it will open up new possibilities for the effective implementation of children's rights at a local level. It will also consolidate the efforts of all these 13 organisations – and others who wish to join – to achieve meaningful child participation in all sectors of our society," Ms Coleiro Preca, former President Emeritus, said.

The network is being facilitated by the Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society as part of its fifth anniversary celebrations. It will be aligning its work to the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child, and prioritising child participation through an integrative and collaborative approach. Ms Coleiro Preca said: "As President of Eurochild, I strongly believe MaltaCAN is a step in the right direction to ensure children will truly become valued contributors to our society, as they rightfully deserve.



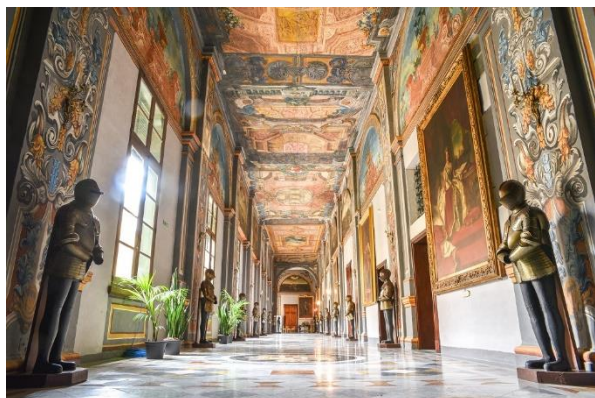
"The network is a collaborative effort to ensure children's rights are observed and meaningful child participatory mechanisms are in place. It is truly this spirit of collaboration which needs to be nurtured in Malta to achieve the goals enshrined in the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child, which celebrates its 30th Anniversary this year." The network's main aim is to give greater visibility towards a better understanding of children's rights, and putting mindfulness practices on the national agenda. The importance of children's rights is widespread, capturing all areas of society,

so the network brings together numerous organisations whose main interest is a child's wellbeing.

The founding members include: the Malta Foundation for the Wellbeing of Society, Assistance to Children in Care Association (ACICA), Birdlife Malta, Fondazzjoni Sebħ, Karl Vella Foundation, Church Schools Children's Fund, Malta Dyslexia Association, Malta Girl Guides, MGRM, National Foster Care Association Malta (NFCAM), Right2Smile, Early Childhood Development Association Malta (ECDAM); Salesians of Don Bosco together with the Salesians Pastoral Youth Services.

Ms Coleiro Preca said the strengths of each respective member complemented the network's vision for a multidisciplinary approach to mainstream children's rights. The members, she added, would be encouraged to pursue networking exchanges to strengthen their role in affecting change; establish a child right's champion model; and share their expertise with the network to provide training and capacity building in relevant fields and sectors. Interested NGOs who would like to join MaltaCAN, are to get in touch with the network via email on maltachildrensnetwork@gmail.com or contact MaltaCAN on Facebook.

Heritage Malta sites honoured by TripAdvisor and TripExpert excellence awards



A number of Heritage Malta sites and museums have been awarded by TripAdvisor and TripExpert following the positive responses received from worldwide about the agency's attractions.

Eight attractions – Fort St Elmo and the National War Museum, The National Archaeology Museum, the Grandmasters' Palace, the St Paul's Catacombs, the Hypogeum at Hal Saflieni and the prehistoric temples at Hagar Qim, Mnajdra and Ġgantija have all received a Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor and the

Experts' Choice Award 2019 from TripExpert and TripExpert's Best of Malta Award.

In addition, Fort St Angelo and the Mithna ta' Kola (Kola's Windmill) received a Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor, while the sites at Għar Dalam, the Tarxien Temples and the Inquisitor's Palace received the Experts' Choice Award 2019 and TripExpert's Best of Malta Award.

The Certificate of Excellence awarded by TripAdvisor is in recognition of consistently good service. This award was received by about 10% of all the entities that are featured in TripAdvisor for receiving consistently positive results over a number of years.

Now in its fourth year, the Experts' Choice recognises the comments of well-known publications as travel guides, reviews and newspapers. This year's awards were based on the responses of 1.5 million professional travellers. Less than 2% of attractions worldwide received this award.

Three attractions – the Hagar Qim Temple, the St Paul's Catacombs and the National Archaeology Museum – were also honoured by TripAdvisor with a Certificate of Excellence – Hall of Fame, which certificate is awarded to attractions that have achieved this Certificate for five successive years.

Ball of the August Moon launched



Photo: Clodagh Farrugia O'Neill, DOI

President George Vella launched the Ball of the August Moon 2019, to be held on August 3 at the Verdala Palace gardens in aid of the Malta Community Chest Fund.

This will be the first ball organised by the current Presidency. The President and Mrs Vella will keep the tradition by organizing the Ball at the Verdala Palace on the first Saturday of August.

Tickets, which are restricted to 750, are available for €100 on a first-come-first-served basis and can be bought online from www.augustmoonball.com, from The Palace in Valletta, or from San Anton Palace.

More information can be obtained on tel. 2205 3500 or 2122 6226

Hello Frank, just a few words to express my appreciation of the Maltese E- Newsletter and to say 'Thank you'. The arrival of your journal is becoming the highlight of the week. It's incredible to see how much there is to know about so small a place as our Malta. Long may you continue in your great work.

Kindest Regards from Vincent Peter Zammit (Adelaide).



Soprano
Pamela Agius



Tenor Joseph
Aquilina



Singer
Ludwig
Galea

Opera vs Pop Under the Stars - ghat-Tnax-il darba!

Under the Stars, nhar it-Tnejn 29 ta' Lulju 2019 fit-8.30pm, fil-Bitha tal-Ministeru għal Għawdex Victoria bil-kollaborazzjoni shiha tal-Ministeru għal Għawdex u tal-Ambaxxata Amerikana f'Malta.

Matul dan il-kunċert annwali tant mistenni se jiehdu sehem is-Sopran Għawdxija li tghix f'New York Pamela Agius, it-Tenor Joseph Aquilina u l-kantant popolari Ludwig Galea. Fl-ewwel parti tal-programm il-pubbliku se jkun jista' jisma' siltiet

Sa mit-twaqqif tagħha fl-2002, il-'Gozo Youth Wind Band & Orchestra', li tikkonsisti f'żewġ klassika filwaqt li wara l-intervall, l-Orkestra se gruppi separati ta' mużiċisti żgħażaġh ferm tagħtina repertorju ta' arrangamenti mużikali Pop promettenti, qatt ma waqfet milli tiddeverti lill-pubbliku Malti u Għawdxija b'repertorju twil ta' Jippresiedu l-kunċert l-Ministru għal Għawdex Dr mużika varjata għall-familja kollha. Ġejjin minn Justyne Caruana u x-Charge d'Affairs tal-kull rokna t'Għawdex u msahha minn mużiċisti Ambaxxata Amerikana f'Malta Mr Mark A. t'esperjenza wħud minnhom residenti barranin li Schapiro.

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Għat-tnax-il sena konsekuttiva, il-'Gozo Youth Orchestra' taħt id-direzzjoni tal-Fundatur u Bank of Valletta. l-HSBC u lil MTA għall-Direttur tagħha Mro Dr Joseph Grech se terġa' ghajjnuna siewja tagħhom.

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KEEPING THE MALTESE CULTURE ALIVE IN THE MALTESE DIASPORA

Mellieħa Nights 26, 27 and 28 July 2019

Press Release

Mellieħa Nights 2019: A three day celebration of Music, Culture, History, Gastronomy and Enjoyment for everybody.

A one-time opportunity open to all free of charge – highlighting this year's edition is an original musical which will be showcased in an open air environment at Mellieħa Main Square.

A unique occasion where one can experience and appreciate all that only the locality of Mellieħa can offer ...

Mellieħa Nights 2019 festivities start on **Friday, 26th July 2019 at 8.00pm at Mellieħa Parish Square** with the **musical 'Naħal tal-Imħabba'**. The music of the musical 'Naħal tal-Imħabba' was composed by Philip Vella, lyrics by Paul P. Borg and musical arrangements by Sean Vella. Director – Mr Giovann Attard. Cast: Dario Bezzina, Miriam Christine Borg, Annabelle Vella, Mary Ann Muscat, Gaetano Sultana, Anna Camilleri, Alexia Farrugia, Thea Gauci, Mireille Borg, Samantha Magro, Maria Cini and with the participation of Artemocion Dance & Leisure Studio. Videography by Mr Jamie Vella. Everybody is invited and entrance is free.

Mellieħa Nights 2019 celebrations continue on **Saturday, 27th July 2019 from 6.30pm onwards at: Triq Gorg Borg Olivier** with a **carnival parade** themed 'The Carnival' with the participation of 10 dance companies and the Big Friends Guggen Musik Band.

Mellieħa Parish Square the Jokers Malta Club will be holding a bikers display and after the Mellieħa Fireworks Association will be hosting a barbecue dinner for those who wish to appreciate the entertainment while enjoying the lavish food provided. Entertainment consists of **local talents' show** by Artemocion Dance and Leisure Studio, **local artist** Mark Anthony Bartolo and **the live concert "Those Were the Days"** by Paul Abela Band featuring established singers: Jasmin, Roger Tirazona, Nadine Axisa and Lawrence Gray. A **live concert by Freddie Portelli** will follow.

At Misraħ iż-Żjara tal-Papa Ġwanni Pawlu II Kids' Entertainment and Animation Area with the participation of Mellieħa Scouts Group.

At Triq Sant'Anna from 7.30pm onwards traditional music by Benny and Tonya.

At the Sanctuary Courtyard from 7.00pm onwards an artistic and local handicrafts exhibition. **At 8.30pm live jazz music** by Groove. **At Triq it-Tonn from 7.30pm onwards live entertainment** in aid of Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary. (Ramona Portelli)

At the National Shrine of Our Lady of Mellieħa at 8.00pm vocal concert by the 'Imperial Choir'.

Park and Ride Service **free of charge** from 7.30pm onwards from ex-Belleview Area.

Mellieħa Nights 2019 continue on **Sunday, 28th July 2019 from 7.30pm onwards:**

At Misraħ il-Parroċċa Vintage Car Show with the collaboration of Ford Owners Malta, a **local talent show** by Artemocion Dance and Leisure Studio, **local artists** Thea Gauci accompanied by Steve Galea, **musical programme** by Lighthouse Band, **local artist** Emma Cutajar and **spectacular live concert 'Rock Meets Pop'** by Spiteri Lucas Band featuring established singers: Laura Bruno, Mark Tonna, Ludvig Galea and Chiara accompanied by Dancel Team Dancers.



At 11.00pm Grand Finale: *Pyro-Musical Display* with the collaboration of Mellieħa Fireworks Association.

At Misraħ iż-Żjara tal-Papa Ġwanni Pawlu II from 7.30pm onwards Kids' Entertainment and Animation Area with the participation of Mellieħa Scout Group. **At 8.00pm traditional music** by Ta' Verna Folk Group.

At Sanctuary Courtyard from 7.30pm onwards an artistic and local handicrafts exhibition.

Further details and a full programme of activities can be obtained from Mellieħa Local Council's website www.mellieha.gov.mt or from Mellieħa Local Council Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/melliehalocalcouncil>

[Mellieħa Nights are being organised in collaboration with the Department for Local Government](#)

Maltese abroad 'even more Maltese'



Maltese people living abroad are no less Maltese than those residing on the islands of Malta and Gozo and, at times, they are even more Maltese. This journal is an example of binding us to our homeland.

To preserve and promote Maltese language, culture and identity, the Maltese authorities should establish a Maltese institute, which would be what the Dante Alighieri and the Alliance Francaise are to Italy and France. Significant funding should be made available for this living monument to migration and an investment in us, our nation and the countries where Maltese live in.

We should be proud of the good reputation Maltese living abroad had garnered for Malta over the years. The Maltese who were forced to leave the country because of over population and severe unemployment in the 50s, 60s and 70s still love Malta and its culture and traditions as well as they show pride, appreciation and loyalty towards the countries they had moved to.

The globalised world had an impact on Malta. What happens in Sydney, Melbourne, New York, Toronto, London or Beijing has an impact on all of us too. This did not only affect the Malta's economy but it also had the potential to affect Maltese identity.

We know that various Maltese communities living abroad have managed to export a 'little Malta' wherever they went; all this has meant to all of us to see part of Malta's spiritual and cultural territory in other countries. During these last few decades Malta and the Maltese way of life have changed dramatically and so the history of Maltese settlement in other countries. Maltese living abroad are part and parcel of the Maltese Diaspora. They should be treated as such when they visit the islands and enjoy the same privileges of the locals. Including a "temporary" ID card.

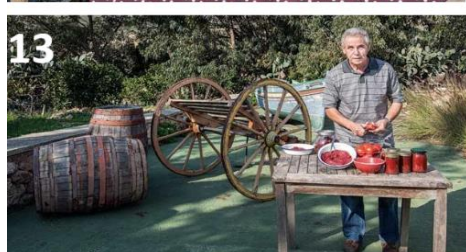
Maltese Guild of South Australia

**Lunch, Bingo, Billiards and Card
games**

**Every Tuesday at the Maltese Cultural
Centre, 6 Jeanes Street, Beverley
from 10 am till- 3 pm**

Maltese Senior Citizens Association of South Australia

**Social gathering and luncheon every
Friday at the Progressive Hall,
49 LeHunte Street, Kilburn
Every Friday from 10 am till-3 pm**



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'genuinely Maltese' 2015 calendar

"It opens a window on our culture and the rich heritage our forefathers passed on to us to better understand the responsibility we have towards building on and safeguarding what we have today".

Bank of Valletta has launched its 2015 corporate calendar, featuring a collection of photographs and memories to better appreciate what is genuinely Maltese.

1. **Għasel (honey)** The Maltese islands were always renowned for honey production, a tradition that has been part of local heritage for years. Carmel Psaila from Mellieħa still produces honey in the traditional manner. Generally the honey is a blend of seasonal flowers, not of one crop, although the pollen and nectar found in most abundance at the time tends to influence the taste, as in the case of citrus honey, carob honey and thyme-flavoured honey. Maltese honey is renowned for its medical benefits, particularly coughs and colds.
2. **Tin taċ-Ċappa** (fig delight) Ryan Mifsud, known as Ta' Zeppieta, from Mtaħleb, specialises in the preparation of Tin taċ-Ċappa (fig delight). Figs are collected by the end of August and left to dry in the sun for about two to three days. Then, they are poured into a stainless steel bath where they are mixed with various ingredients, including bay leaves, wild thyme, sweetener, anisette,

whisky, almond essence, salt, sesame seeds and fennel. The rich mixture is then manually pressed into tin cans where it is kept for three to four months, before ready to use.

3. **Arjoli (anchovy paste)** Anchovies, herbs, oil and garlic, mixed with crushed water biscuits is Nicholas Baldacchino's recipe for Arjoli. Baldacchino, who lives in Siġġiewi, says Arjoli is ideal with snails or for stuffing olives.
4. **Żejt taż-Żebbuġa (olive oil)** Coming from Żebbuġ but living in Dingli, Joe Cortis produces olive oil. Not all olive trees are the same and when it comes to oil production it is the variety that counts. According to Cortis, the endemic iż-żebbuġa bajda l-antika makes the best oil. In the past, harvest took place in November or December as it was assumed that the riper the fruit the better the oil. However, nowadays olives are collected earlier, in October, since oil quality would be better.
5. **Ġulepp tal-Ħarrub (carob syrup)** Bernard Vella from the limits of Mgarr is one of the few remaining traders who still produces carob syrup, a typically Mediterranean sweetener made from the sugar extracted from the carob pods. Harvest begins when the carob pods are completely dry and ready to fall off the tree. The pods are thrown in a large pot where they are boiled along with sugar, until they grow into a thick, homogenised mixture which is then poured into jars.
6. **Ġbejniet friski (Fresh cheeselets)** Salvu Attard, from Attard, produces fresh cheeselets. The ingredients used in the preparation of these cheeselets are goat milk, qtar (rennet) and salt. First, Attard lets the milk settle for some time. He then divides it into small qwieleb (cheese baskets) that are in turn flipped over and left in brine until the cheese acquires the distinctive smooth texture and milky flavour.
7. **Zalzett tal-Malti (Maltese sausages)** Ninu Vella, known as Ta' Kulajru, is a third generation butcher and he still owns a butcher shop in Żurrieq. The Zalzett tal-Malti is his speciality. Vella follows a traditional technique using a machine widely known among tradesmen as pasgwar. The recipe calls for only five basic ingredients to produce the sausages: pork, parsley, garlic, salt and coriander.
8. **Ġamm tal-Qargħa Ħamra (pumpkin jam)** Pumpkin jam is a typical sweet delight. Veronica Farrugia from Rabat boils pumpkin in fresh lemon and orange juice, together with cinnamon sticks and sugar. It is then mashed to give a fine, rich pulp. Lemon, orange and mandarin skins are added to boost the flavour, while a touch of rum enhances the jam's delicious taste.
9. **Melħ (sea salt)** When it comes to salt production, the Maltese islands seem to have it all. Emmanuel Cini from Żebbuġ, Gozo, known as Leli tal-Melħ, says salt is harvested when the weather is good, anytime from May till the end of September, depending on the weather conditions, as evaporation has to occur naturally. Once collected, salt is left to dry for several days. When the time is right, it is swept from the pans with brushes, creating a small heap in the middle of the pan. Salt is bagged manually.
10. **Marmellata tal-Laring (orange marmalade)** Citrus cultivation has been an integral part of Maltese tradition for centuries. Dorianne Mifsud from Dingli specialises in producing orange marmalade. Oranges are washed, peeled and cut into small pieces. They are then placed in a pot where water and sugar are added and brought to boil. Lemon peel is added to the mixture to enhance the aromas and boost the flavour.
11. **Basal tal-Pikles (pickled onions)** Pickled onions prepared by Piu Mercieca are definitely a treat for spice lovers. Mercieca's method is the traditional one. Perhaps, his greatest secret is the

fact that everything is done manually. He peels the onions and place them in jars along with vinegar, water and salt. The recipe might seem to be simple, but ingredients need to be used in exact proportions as too much vinegar will render the onions too soft. To spice up the flavour, Mercieca adds chillies to the mixture.

12. **Tadam imqadded (sundried tomatoes)** Sundried tomatoes are probably one of the most popular recipes and Joe Muscat from Mgarr is a real expert in preparing them. Picking up the juicier, tastier tomatoes is the first step. Tomatoes are then cut in halves, covered in salt and left in the sun to dry for around five days. When ready, the tomatoes are collected in jars and preserved in oil ready to be used.
13. **Kunserva Helwa (sweet tomato paste)** For Joseph Spiteri, known as Ta' Mena, producing kunserva has been a long family tradition. Spiteri still follows the recipe handed down to him by his mother, who in turn had learnt it from her own mother. He follows a technique that is particularly popular in his birth town of Xaghra. Flat and mature tomatoes are cut into cubes and topped with sea salt, before being left to dry in the sun. The mixture is then filtered to remove the skin and seeds and sugar is added as a preservative. The mixture must be stirred two or three times a day for 12 consecutive days to preserve its essential oils.



Culhat al Belt **ipprezentat lill-PM**

Rapport: Reno Bugeja

L-erba' dokumentarji storiċi Culhat al Belt li xxandru fuq TVM fl-okkażjoni tal-mitt sena mill-ġrajjet tas-Sette Giugno ġew ipprezentati lill-Prim Ministru Joseph Muscat miċ-Chairman tal-PBS, Tonio

Portughese.

Dr Portughese qal li dawn id-dokumentarji riċerkati minn Mario Xuereb li ttellgħu miċ-Ċentru tal-Aħbarijiet tal-PBS b'koperazzjoni fost oħrajn mal-Fondazzjoni Ċelebrazzjoni Nazzjonali, l-Arkivji Nazzjonali u Heritage Malta jinkwadraw fil-missjoni tax-Xandir Pubbliku li jagħti prijorità lill-aspetti storiċi, kulturali u tal-identità Nazzjonali.



lċ-Chairman tal-PBS qal li peress li dan id-dokumentarju għandu rabta mal-mixja politika u kostituzzjonali ta' Malta, il-PBS se jipprezenta din is-sensiela għall-arkivji fost oħrajn tal-President ta' Malta u tal-Ispeaker. Dr Portughese żied jgħid li hemm il-ħsieb li flimkien mal-Università, dan id-dokumentarju u oħrajn li saru fl-aħħar snin miċ-Ċentru tal-Aħbarijiet fosthom dwar l-internati Maltin fl-Italja u dwar il-Maltin ta' Azmir isirulhom sottotitli bl-Ingliż għal udjenzi internazzjonali.

Il-Prim Ministru wera apprezzament għal din ir-riċerka li qal hija importanti għall-memorja kollettiva tal-poplu Malti.



Dr. Tonio Portuguese PBS chairman

Public Broadcasting



Services Ltd Chairman, Cavaliere Dr Tonio Portuguese, presented DVDs of the La Valette band concert "La Sollevazione di Cristo" and the interview with Conductor Joseph Sammut to the society's President Jonathan Grima and Valletta mayor Alfred Zammit. The interview with Conductor Sammut by journalist Mario Xuereb was broadcast on the *Ras imb Ras TVM* programme.



PHOTO: DOI - Omar Camilleri

The concert was filmed by PBS under the direction of Godfrey Smith and transmitted on Good Friday. PBS Chairman Tonio Portuguese was appointed Honorary Member of the La Valette National Philharmonic Society as a recognition for his contribution in the activities marking the 145th anniversary of its foundation and as an appreciation of the public broadcasting's musical culture in Malta and Gozo.

Dr Portuguese is also Honorary President of the Maria Assunta Band Society of Gudja, of the Żebbuġ Għaqda Mużikali u Soċjali 12th May and Life Honorary Member of the Leone Band Club of Rabat Gozo. He was decorated as Ġieħ ir-Repubblica Officer by Malta's Ex-President George Abela and Ġieħ Għawdex by former President Marie Louise Coleiro Preca.



Mary Gauci and Tonio Portuguese

The President of France Francois Hollande has conferred its highest decoration of the National Order of the Legion d'Honneur to Tonio Portuguese in recognition of his long standing career and promotion of the French, European and universal values of dialogue, diversity and tolerance and for his promotion of excellent business and cultural relations between France and Malta..

Photo: Presenting the medal, the Ambassador of France Madame Beatrice Le Fraper Du Hellen underlined the contribution given by Tonio Portuguese to the enhancement of these relations resulting from his professional career in local and international business and academic achievements. Madame Le Fraper also highlighted the personal endorsement of Malta's Prime Minister Dr Joseph Muscat in honouring a distinguished Maltese citizen at the time he is acting as the President of the Council of Ministers of the European Union.

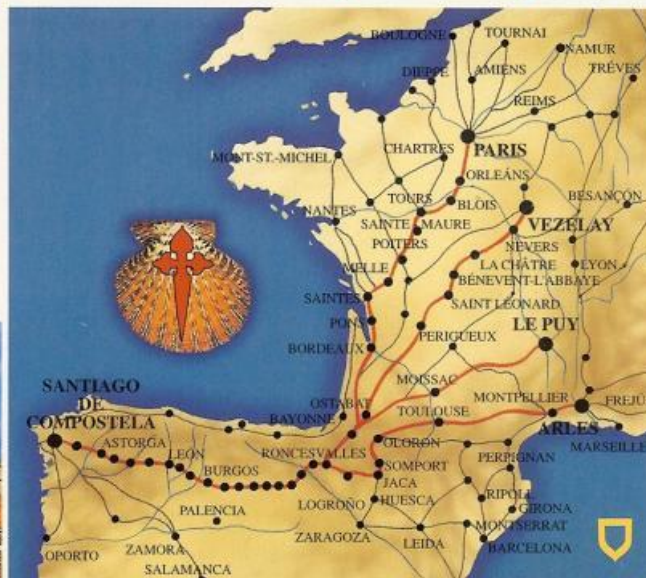
The "Ordre national de la Legion d'Honneur" is the highest French order for military and civil merits, was established on 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte and its current Grand Master is President Francois Hollande. In 2001 he was given the decoration of "Cavaliere Dottore al Merito della Repubblica Italiana" by President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and in 2010 the President of Malta dr George Abela awarded him the "Ġieħ ir-Repubblika" as Member of the National Order of Merit.

Dr Tonio Portuguese, in spite of his many commitments with the PBS of which has been chairman since 2013, finds time to help and give valuable contribution to several non-governemnt organisations not only in Malta but also in Gozo Through his initiative he assisted the National and Regional Celebrations Committee and other organisations including the Dar Arka (Gozo) (Mary Gauci)

Camino de Santiago de Compostela pilgrims raise €19,000 for Caritas



Camino de Santiago de Compostela



Volunteers helped for months prior to the walk

The cheque being presented to Caritas.

Camini...amo have just returned from their annual journey to Camino de Santiago de Compostela in Spain, which they dedicated towards a fundraising effort for Caritas

This year's group comprised of 71 diverse people with their ages spanning over five decades, diverse people with diverse life experiences, characters and attitudes.

El Camino de Santiago is one of the oldest pilgrimages leading to the shrine of St. James the Great in the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela. Thousands of people around the world embark on this journey for different reasons; as a challenge, as a spiritual path or just to admire the beauty and the serenity one finds along "The Road to Santiago".

Camini...amo takes this interpersonal journey a step further and strives to lend a helping hand to others.

Initially Camini...amo focused on asking each pilgrim to collect a sum of money in aid of the chosen charity for a collective donation at the end of the Camino. However, in 2017 Camini...amo decided that it was more important to be giving and reaching out directly to pilgrims while helping others less fortunate, rather than the frenzy of money collection. The focus now is to be hands on and

be of help by seeing, feeling and touching the plight of others.

This year Camini...amo have worked collaboratively with Caritas Malta. Throughout the past five months pilgrims were given the opportunity to volunteer with Caritas. They carried out hands on jobs including volunteering over a period of four months in Caritas Free Lunch Service at Dar Frangisku Birkirkara; assisting residents with *figolli* preparation at Dar Sant' Anna; cleaning outdoor areas at San Blas and giving some TLC to the Outreach office in Floriana.

Besides this, through Camini...amo, Titan International Ltd gave a donation to Caritas Malta, and AX Holdings are sponsoring a project at Dar Sant' Anna. Pilgrims have also contributed and the sum of €19,000 was presented to Caritas Malta.

Caritas Malta director Anthony Gatt expressed his heartfelt appreciation for the donation but also for the voluntary work done in the seven months preceding the Camino. Volunteers helped in the free lunch service at Dar Papa Frangisku run by Fondazzjoni Dar il-Hena and various drug rehabilitation units run by Caritas.

Jiena nircieve u naqra dan is-sabih gurnal tal-Maltin ta' Malta u ta' barra regularment mill-bidu sa l-ahhar. Dan il-veru jaghmlilna unur speċjalment meta jinqara mill-barranin. Qatt ma nixba naqra fuq il-kultura u l-identita' ta' Malta u Għawdex. Din il-gazzetta timla vojt kbir għax hafna Maltin huma mxenqa biex jaqraw dwar x'qed jigri fil-gzejjer Maltin u fuq l-Istorja ta' Malta. John Mangion.

Malta Military Tattoo 2019



2019, will be held between the 20th and 22nd of September 2019 at St George's Square, Valletta. The Malta Military Tattoo, is a yearly event which features military bands and other elements which come together to provide a spectacular show for audiences of all ages.

The music played combines popular tunes, with the more classical and are all performed in the context of a Military March parade to provide a spectacular experience for everyone to enjoy. The music chosen appeals to all ages.

The display starts at 7.00 pm

If there are any problems contact us on info@ticketline.com.mt. E-mails will be responded to within one business day. All prices stated are the full face value and are inclusive of VAT.

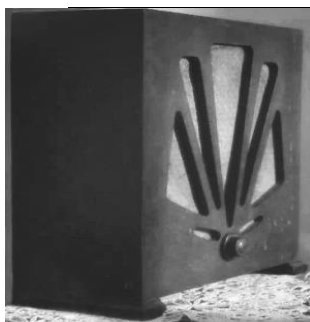


Luxol SA to face Norwegian, Moldovan and San Marino teams

The draw of the 2019/20 UEFA Futsal Champions League Preliminary and Main Rounds was made on Thursday at UEFA's Nyon headquarters.

Maltese champions Luxol St Andrews have been drawn in Group F along with Norwegian team Sjarmtrollan Idrettslag, who will host the mini-tournament, Moldova's CS Dinamo Chisinau and San Marino outfit FC Fiorentina. Led by Romanian coach Gabriel Dobre, Luxol St Andrews are making a return to Europe's top futsal competition following their league triumph last season.

At Thursday's draw, Luxol St Andrews were represented by club president Mario Vella and technical director Nathaniel Jones. This preliminary round group will take place between 27th August and 1st September, 2019. The winner of Group F will advance to Group 5 of the Main Round (Path B). This group will be made up of Polish team Record Bielsko-Biala, Czechs Sparta Prague (hosts) and the winner of Group C together with that of Group F



Rediffusion in Malta started in 1935

Antonia Micallef
Muskettieri and Commandos



Charles Clews, Victor Galdes, Josephine Zammit Cordina, Johnnie Catania and Terry L. Bencini



Armando Urso, Charles Clews, Vitorin Galea and Johnnie Navarro recording for Radju Muskettieri

Armando Urso, Terry L. Bencini, Charles Clews, Gemma Portelli, Johnnie Catania - Radju Muskettieri Photos



Radju Muskettieri recording Charles Clews, Armando Urso, Johnnie Catania, Terry L. Bencini, Gemma Portelli

Rediffusion Malta Ltd began operating as a radio station for Malta and Gozo by means of a license issued by the British Governor, since in 1935 Malta was still a British colony.

The service consisted of two channels – one which used to transmit BBC programmes originating from the UK which used to arrive in Malta via short wave, while the other used to broadcast programmes from other foreign stations, especially Italian ones.

On 11 November 1935, the Rediffusion had broadcast a series of programmes to commemorate Remembrance Day.

During the war, the Rediffusion in Malta and Gozo played an important role because they used to transmit air raid warnings. After the war, broadcasting in Malta started to become more organized. One of the two channels used to transmit only Maltese language programming while the other continued to transmit the BBC and other foreign stations.

The popularity of this medium grew when the news in English and Maltese also began to be transmitted.

Twelve years after radio broadcasting began in Malta in 1947, the concept of advertising began. In 1955, the Rediffusion was also introduced in Gozo where a small station was opened.

In the 50s, broadcasting started to give more importance to female listeners by dedicating special programmes for them. In fact, Carmen Carbonaro started these women's programmes 65 years ago.

In the 50s and 60s there was a musical explosion as great singers with different styles emerged. On 23 January, 1958, broadcasting in Malta had its first official building with the opening of Rediffusion House in Guardamangia, the same building which today houses the PBS Creativity Hub.

In 1962, Television Malta was introduced, which at first used to transmit from the same building which housed the radio station, as the building known as Television House, did not yet exist. This was completed 16 months later, on 6 February 1964.

Among the various personalities who mesmerised Maltese and Gozitan listeners with their voices was Charles Arrigo, who used to read novels on air, described by many as a broadcaster *per excellence*.

In the 70s, the Maltese islands experienced historical events which were conveyed to the nation through radio and TV transmissions, while in the 80s and 90s, developments in the broadcasting sector continued to grow especially with the introduction of pluralism.



Maltese dance couple win wheelchair dancing competition in the UK David Hudson

Steven Fenech and Sarah Farrugia have been wowing judges all over Europe with a string of wins under their belt

Steven Fenech and Sarah Farrugia dancing at the Latin World Cup Competition (Photo: Jacek Reda)

Steven Fenech and dance partner Sarah Farrugia have won the Manchester Grand Prix of wheelchair dancing. At the

beginning of June, they also placed second in the Danish Latin American Combi Wheelchair Dance World Cup.

The dance partners have been participating in championships all across Europe in the last few months, also placing 3rd in the Holland Dans Spektakel and winning the Mainhattan Cup Latin American Combi.

Fenech and Farrugia have only been dance partners for a year and are now practicing ahead of the Latin American Wheelchair Championships, considered one of the largest competitions in the world for able-bodied dancers. The Malta Wheelchair Dancesport Association are looking for sponsors to help with the costs of sending the couple to compete in further international competitions. [maltatoday.com.mt]



Emmanuel Brincat

98.9 North West FM is a local community radio station with a full time license based in Hadfield, near Glenroy in the northern suburbs of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

The station is dedicated to providing service, radio training, communication, information and entertainment to our members, supporters and to the people of our community.

Emmanuel Brincat's interest in Ethnic broadcasting started way back in 1995, at 3ZZZ. He is now the Vice President at 98.9 North West FM and chair all Ethnic Broadcasters meetings at 98.9 North West FM.

He is very pleased to be the broadcaster as he realised that radio plays an integral role in connecting the older Maltese community. His program engages with the community by providing local news and keeping them informed with the homeland.

Emmanuel also involved with the Maltese community and truly understand how much they need to know or understand more about the aged care system.

MALTESE OWN BAND
PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY INC.
(VICTORIA)



The Maltese Own Band Philharmonic Society Inc. was established in 1977 with the intention of carrying on a centuries old Maltese tradition of having a community-based brass, woodwind and percussion band to play at local religious feasts and other community events.

Up to 1977, no such band existed here in Victoria and only one other in Australia. A few local Maltese people got together and decided to establish the Society to promote the Maltese culture and play for the only Maltese style religious feast at that time, Our Lady of Victories.

In September 2017, our band celebrated its 40th anniversary, which is an achievement we are extremely proud of.

On Sunday 27th January 2019, the Maltese Own Band in conjunction with the Portarlington Cricket Club, organised the Portarlington Maltese Festival which was a huge success and massive milestone for the society. Given the success achieved on this day, we are hoping to make this an Annual Event where people can come and enjoy the Maltese culture through food, music, games and festivities. We have had many band members over the last 40 years, and we are honoured that we have remained dedicated to our original commitment to be a band for all the Maltese community. With the strong support of our players, members and supporters, we have been able to remain independent to carry on our name for future generations.

Our association's aim is to be available for all the Maltese Associations to help them celebrate their feast each year. Today, the Society plays for many well known Maltese feasts, both throughout Victoria and interstate, where possible. As well, the society also performs for many ethnic, community and cultural festivals and events playing a variety

of music from traditional European style marches and hymns to popular concert pieces.

The Society currently has 30 band players but has in the past had over 120 band players at one time, as well as a subsidiary Youth Group that ran successfully for 5 years during its peak. Although the Society's members are predominantly Maltese, we have members that are from different nationalities and cultures.

Our band rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings, 7:30pm – 9:30pm at the Maltese Cultural Centre, 27 Talmage Street Sunshine.

The Society provides the band players with their instrument, if required, and their uniform at no cost to the members. The Society also provides free music lessons and tuition.

As well as the Society's aim to promote the Maltese and ethnic culture, they also encourage the youth of any ethnic background to join the Society and take advantage of the free music lessons program, (where we also supply them with an instrument,) with the aim of performing with the band. This program is not just for the youth but for anyone of any age that would like to learn to play an instrument.

Except for a small sponsorship agreement, the Society's only income is from fund raising efforts and a small fee given to the society by the religious and community groups for our performances. These funds are used for costs involved with providing and maintaining musical instruments, uniforms, teaching programs and day-to-day costs and needs of such a society.

The society is a non-profit organisation with all its members working on a voluntary basis.

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Heritage Malta's passport scheme for the elderly a great success - 10,000 have applied

Persons aged 60 and over who applied for a passport for the elderly from Heritage Malta have already visited a number of historic heritage sites since the scheme was initiated. While urging more people to apply Heritage Malta launched its summer

schedule for children.

Since launching the scheme two months ago, almost 10,000 elderly have applied. The Minister for Culture, Owen Bonnici, said localities from which the main applications were received are Mosta, Birkirkara and Attard in Malta and in Gozo most applications came from Xaghra, Rabat and Ghasri.

During a media conference recounting the success of the scheme it was stated that one out of every ten persons that had applied have already used the passport and visited historic sites supervised by Heritage Malta. Minister Bonnici said the most popularly-visited sites are Muza, The National Archaeology Museum and State Rooms.

The Minister also announced the programme drawn up by Heritage Malta for children aged between five and 15 for the summer months. Between July and September, children may visit these sites where they may enjoy specially-designed activities in a rich environment of cultural heritage. Students with passports that are fully stamped may attend these activities free of charge.

One of the activities is a meeting with popular television actors. Other activities include drawing as well as enjoying and appreciating art, programmes that are entertaining for children as well as accompanying parents, said the Minister.

Heritage Malta Chairman, Anton Refalo, said that Heritage Malta is not just an Agency but also acts as an important tool in the education of children. He said that in recent years the Agency has been attracting more youths who appreciated their cultural heritage, a heritage that is now available to all and has no longer remained for the few.

The Executive Director of Heritage Malta, Mario Cutajar, said that through the passport schemes for the elderly and for children, the Agency's sites have become accessible to all. He said that over the coming days Heritage Malta will be opening new sites.

Heritage Malta sites you can access for free with the HM Passport

Valletta

National Museum of Archaeology
Palace Armoury
Palace State Rooms
Fort St Elmo & National War Museum
Fortifications Interpretation Centre
MUZA – The National Art Museum

Harbour Area

Inquisitor's Palace, Birgu
Malta Maritime Museum, Birgu
Fort St Angelo, Birgu
Tarxien Temples, Hal Tarxien

South Area

Ghar Dalam, Birzebbuga
Hagar Qim Temples, Qrendi

Mnajdra Temples, Qrendi

Borg in-Nadur Temples, Birzebbuga

Rabat Area

National Museum of Natural History, Mdina
Domus Romana, Mdina/Rabat
St Paul's Catacombs, Rabat
Skorba Temples, Mgarr
Ta' Hagrat Temples, Mgarr
Ta' Bistra Catacombs, Mosta

Gozo

Ggantija Temples, Xaghra
Ta' Kola Windmill, Xaghra
Citadel Visitor Centre, Rabat
Gozo Museum of Archaeology, Cittadella
Gran Castello Historic House, Cittadella
Old Prison, Cittadella
Gozo Nature Museum, Cittadella

THIS JOURNAL SUPPORTS THE FEDERATION OF MALTESE LANGUAGE SCHOOLS in retaining the Maltese Language in schools at VCE/HSC/SACE level

Dear all

A meeting is scheduled to be held on the 12th of July with the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Board (VCAA) regarding what strategies the Maltese Community on the following topic .

What strategies is the community planning to put in place to increase student enrolments in VCE/HSC Maltese?

With the support of the President of the Maltese Council Marlene Ebejer (who will accompany me at the meeting) the attached collective strategies are being tabled.

These strategies will need your support during the next months if they are to be implemented . Please respond as early as possible if you have anything to add to support us.

I would like to thank all those who have responded with ideas for strategies and supported the FMLS call for petitions regarding the VCE/HSC/SACE.

The editorial team and the many thousands of readers of The Maltese e-Newsletter, the Journal of the Maltese Diaspora, support the Federation of Maltese Language Schools Inc (Australia) in the its consultation with the educational authorities and would like to affirm

- 1. That the VCAA, NESA and the SACE Board of SA defer the loss of the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) accreditation for the Maltese language by 12 months to allow the Maltese community to rally to increase student enrolments.**
- 2. That because of the low intake of students, the VCAA, NESA and SACE Board of SA allow both high school and adult students from other Australian states and territories to participate in lessons by correspondence and/or directly in order to sit for the Maltese VCE, HSC or SACE irrespective of their State or territory residence.**

Contact FMLS President - edwidgeborg@hotmail.com

Report: Tony Dimech An ornamental ornaments made out of particular materials using a special Chinese technique.



Ornamental art exhibition at Chinese Cultural Centre in Valletta

Chinese art ornaments which are considered invaluable because they are unique and because they symbolize China's imperial power, are on display at the Chinese Cultural Centre in Valletta. Through these ornaments, the Chinese Emperor has shown the country experiencing a period of prosperity. The exhibition is divided into four parts which are filigree, lacquer, ceramics and clay. Apart from decorative vases made out of typical stone

found in the Asian continent known as malakit, Chinese artists have worked these ornaments using particular techniques which is hugely challenging both because of the time required as well as the use of red liquid material derived from insects, which in China are abundant. This material is placed in different positions to create the design that the artist wants.

Beyond these ornaments there is also a certain life philosophy which regards peace as the main objective for living . The exhibition is being held at the Chinese Cultural Centre in Valletta and will run for one month.

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Skola Maltija Sydney is a program of Akkademja Maltija ta' NSW Inc. Supported by the NSW Community Languages Schools Program, NSW Department of Education.

I must admit that not only was Maltese spoken by real people, but that it is a nice language, with a reasonably logical grammar, fairly phonetic pronunciation, rich in racy expressions and nuances and with a not so small vocabulary, open to further extension.

With independence, people began to take pride in their language, a new literature started to blossom and now it spoken more widely, almost exclusively on television and in most talk program on the more serious radio stations. Also we hear it more in the corridors at the University, where only young people had definite klikek of English-speaking students versus Maltese speakers.

So why is it that there still seem to be some layers of Maltese society who consider Maltese somehow inferior? Parents who speak to each other in perfectly good Maltese turn to their children in often considerably less perfect English. Why? English might be the second official, by some called national, language, but surely Maltese is not only the national, but also the native language, with roots going far back to the Arab denomination, part of the Maltese culture and identity.

Why should it be considered more elegant to speak, and bring your children up in, the language of a foreign country at the other side of the continent, a

language imposed by colonial masters during the, historically seen, brief period of 150 years?

Nitkellmu bil-Malti ghax ahna Maltin. Il-Malti huwa l-ilsien tal-gzejjer taghna. Tkellem b'lingwi ohrajn imma qatt tinsa l-islien li taghtek ommok

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Qormi Parish commemorates 75th anniversary

Report: Fiorella Pace

The Parish of St Sebastian at Qormi is commemorating the 75th anniversary when the titular statue of the saint was paraded outside the church accompanied by a procession. The event began with the statue being taken out of its niche and on the actual anniversary date this Tuesday it will be carried in procession, an event being

supported by the other Qormi parish of St George the Martyr.

The actual date was 9th July in 1944 and Tuesday's procession will be accompanied by the three Qormi bands. Charles Saliba, appointed Manager of a committee handling the event, said Tuesday will be the highlight as this is the actual anniversary date.

Saliba said that on Tuesday, after Mass at 6 pm the procession will be through the streets of Qormi and will proceed toward the St George Parish and will be met by the Archpriest of that parish and prayers will be recited by both Archpriests. The statue will then return and the procession will be accompanied by the three Qormi bands.

He said the inclusion of the St George Parish is an act of solidarity to include all the Qormi community.

The titular statue of St Sebastian was completed in 1938 but because of the Second World War could not be paraded. In the meanwhile, the statue was adorned and was then paraded for the first time in 1944.



The Archpriest of the St Sebastian Parish, Fr Ewkarist Zammit, spoke of the message this event is to convey to all the Qormi community.

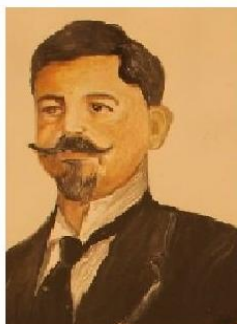
Fr Zammit said St Sebastian is looked upon as a gift from God and the theme adopted in the locality is that he was given to us by God and accordingly we have loved him. The Word of God was then adopted to seek a better life and St Sebastian acts as a model for leading a better life. God also enlightened the people and the letter by St Peter was embraced that all should be saints.

Archpriest Zammit said he thinks that the message that St Sebastian would like to convey today is that every Christian should live to flourish the seed implanted during baptism, that of striving to be a saint.

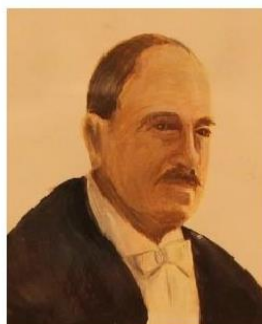
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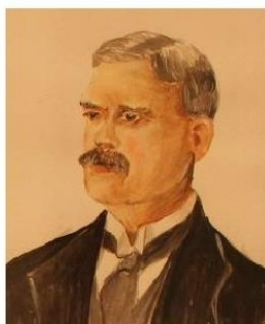
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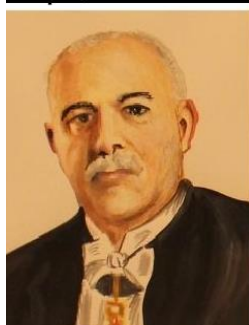
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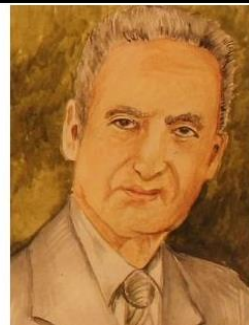
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George Borg Olivier



Dom Mintoff



Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici



Edward Fenech Adami



Alfred Sant



Lawrence Gonzi



Joseph Muscat

Dr Joseph Muscat (2013 -)

Dr Lawrence Gonzi (2004 - 2013)

Dr Edward Fenech Adami (1987 - 1996, 1998 - 2004)

Dr Alfred Sant (1996 - 1998)

Dr Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici (1984 - 1987)

Mr Dom Mintoff (1955 - 1958, 1971 - 1984)

Dr George Borg Olivier (1950 - 1955, 1962 - 1971)

Dr Enrico Mizzi (1950 - 1950)

Sir Paul Boffra (1947 - 1950)

Sir Ugo P. Mifsud (1924 - 1927, 1932 - 1933)

Lord Gerald Strickland (1924 - 1932)

Dr Francesco Buhagiar (1923 - 1924)

Sir Joseph Howard (1921 - 1923)

I-Kollegġjata tar-Rabat bdiet it-triq biex issir Bażilika



L-Arcisqof Mgr Charles Scicluna jgħati merħba lill-President ta' Malta E.T. George Vella fil-knisja tar-Rabat, Malta.

Ritratti: Arcidjoċesi ta' Malta

Il-Kollegġjata tar-Rabat bdiet il-proċess biex issir Bażilika.

Dan tħabbar mill-Arcisqof Charles Scicluna waqt l-omelija tal-pontifikal tal-festa titolari tal-martirju ta' San Pawl. L-aħbar kienet milqugħa miċ-ċapċip tal-kongregazzjoni, u kienet segwita wkoll bil-ħruq ta' kaxxa infernali. Fi kliem l-Arcisqof din hija l-ewwel Parroċċa f'Malta minhabba l-preżenza ta' San Pawl fiż-

żmien li għamel Malta. Il-proċess isegwi l-istess proċedura kif sar ftit tas-snin ilu l-Mosta.

TVM huwa infurmat li l-parroċċa ta' San Pawl ir-Rabat għandha bażi tajba biex din it-talba tintlaq, għalkemm il-proċess jaf jieħu fit-tul.



Meet the actors of “L-Gharusa” (The bride) and find out how the series is being shot

Heritage Malta and Sharp Shoot Media Ltd. will be organising an exclusive event on Friday 12 July for students in the 13-15 age group who hold a Heritage Malta Passport which expires in 2019/2020/2021. During this occasion, which will be held at the National Museum of Archaeology in Valletta, the students will learn all about the local film industry, and will also have the opportunity to meet with actors taking part in L-Gharusa.

The event will include a short visit to the museum in the company of the actors, as well as a session with the producers of L-Gharusa who will explain how this series is



being shot. In this instance, the students will discover how scenes inside historic sites are shot, because of the fragility of the surroundings. As some of the scenes of L-Gharusa are shot inside the Grand Salon of the National Museum of Archaeology, the students will be able to study how particular scenes are shot in this location, and about the requirements to transform the museum into a set for this series.

This is a unique opportunity for students to not only meet with some of their favourite actors, but also to visit one of the locations where the series is being filmed. The five euro tickets are valid for one student and one accompanying adult. Tickets are limited in number, and can be purchased from all Heritage Malta sites and museums. No tickets will be on sale from the museum on the day, and entry can only be gained on presentation of the ticket and the Heritage Malta Passport. The event starts at 6.00 p.m. and ends at 8.00 p.m. Additional information is available on www.heritagemalta.org/passport or on the Heritage Malta official page.





Migrants rescued in Maltese waters

Migrants found in vessel taking in water Button Picture - Jonathan Borg.

A group of 58 migrants was rescued by the Armed Forces of Malta on Sunday after their boat was seen to be in distress.

The boat was taking in water just north of the Maltese search and rescue zone. The migrants then contacted NGO Alarmphone for help, a spokesman for the NGO said.

The migrants were brought to Malta by an AFM patrol boat. The government said an agreement was reached whereby as a sign of recognition to the goodwill of the Maltese government, European Union member states will also take at least half of the migrants.

Traditional Maltese rabbit in garlic and wine Finger-licking good

Everyone loves a good FENKATA (Rabbit Stew)

Gourmet X Nectar

Malta may be a small country, but it is well known around the world for its breathtaking coastlines, crystal-clear waters, ancient structures, and of course, sumptuous cuisines. Of all the islands' delicacies, arguably the most sought after is Fenkata.

Fenkata, or more commonly known as rabbit stew, is the national dish of Malta. It is commonly prepared with several vegetables, spices, and herbs to create an extraordinary taste you won't find anywhere else. Most locals even serve it with chips and fresh salads as a side dish. This acts as a palette cleanser and ensures that everyone who comes to the table will leave with a full stomach. Making your own fekata just means you can make sure you are using the very best local ingredients.

Ingredients

- 1 rabbit, cut into pieces
- ½ bottle red wine
- 3 heads garlic
- 3 bay leaves
- 3 sprigs thyme
- Salt and pepper

Method

1. Season the rabbit with salt and pepper and place in a large bowl.
2. Take apart one of the heads of garlic and peel and slice. Add the garlic slices to the rabbit.
3. Add the bay leaves and they thyme.
4. Pour over the red wine, cover and allow to marinate in the fridge for 6 hours or overnight.
5. Peel the remaining garlic and fry in a heavy-based pan on medium heat.
6. Remove the garlic from the oil and set aside.
7. Fry the rabbit pieces until browned on all sides, reserving the marinating liquid. If the rabbit pieces do not fit in the pan in one layer, fry in batches.
8. Add the marinating liquid and bring to a simmer.
9. Allow to simmer for at least 1 hour until the meat is tender and falls off the bone.



Serve with chips and salads



FESTA TA' SAN GUZEPP IMSIDA - MALTA

FESTA 2019: Il-Ħadd 14 ta' Lulju - Il-Ħadd 21 ta' Lulju

Skeda ta' xandiriet LIVE fuq il-paġna ta' Facebook tal-Parroċċa San Ġuzepp, l-Imsida.

Il-Ħadd 14 ta' Lulju – Bidu tal-Ġimgħa tal-Festa

6.00pm Quddiesa kantata ċelebrata minn Monsinjur Vincenz Cachia u li matulha jingħata l-mandat lir-Reffiegħa tal-Vara. Wara l-Quddiesa jsir il-Ħruġ tal-Vara ta' San Ġuzepp min-niċċa.

It-Tnejn 15 ta' Lulju – Jum il-Familja

6.30pm Quddiesa ċelebrata minn Monsinjur Dun Victor Zammit Mckeen. Mistiedna speċjalment il-Koppji miżżewġin residenti li matul din l-aħħar sena ċcelebraw l-10, il-25 u l-50 sena ta' Żwieġ Nisrani. Wara l-Quddiesa ssir il-preżentazzjoni tat-trabi lil San Ġuzepp.

It-Tlieta 16 ta' Lulju – Jum l-Anzjani

6.30pm Quddiesa ċelebrata mill-Kanonku Dun Louis Suban, Arcipriet tar-Rabat u ex Kappillan tal-Imsida. F'din il-Quddiesa jiġi amministrat is-Sagrament tal-Grizma tal-Morda. **Wara l-Quddiesa l-anzjani mistednin għal programm ta' varjetà fuq iz-zuntier.**

L-Erbgħa 17 ta' Lulju – L-Ewwel Jum tat-Tridu: Jum l-Evangelizzazzjoni

6.30pm Quddiesa kantata u ċelebrata minn Fr Lino Azzopardi. Jipprietka Patri Joseph Zahra O.P. Mistiedna speċjalment il-membri kollha tal-Gruppi ta' Formazzjoni Nisranija u Katekisti tad-Duttrina. Il-lezzuri jgeddu l-impenn tagħhom li jxandu u jgħixu l-Kelma t'Alla. Iċ-ċelebrazzjoni tintemm bil-kant tal-Innu tal-Għasar, Antifona, Barka Sagramentali u Innu Popolari.

Il-Ħamis 18 ta' Lulju – It-Tieni Jum tat-Tridu: Jum il-Liturgija

6.30pm Quddiesa kantata u ċelebrata mill-Kanonku Dun Brendan M. Gatt. Jipprietka Patri Joseph Zahra O.P. Mistiedna speċjalment il-membri kollha tal-Kummissjoni Liturgija, Persuni li jieħdu ħsieb it-tindif u t-tiżjin tal-knisja, u l-Ministri Straordinari tat-Tqarbin li jgeddu l-impenn tagħhom. Iċ-ċelebrazzjoni tintemm bil-kant tal-Innu tal-Għasar, Antifona, Barka Sagramentali u Innu Popolari.

Il-Ġimgħa 19 ta' Lulju – It-Tielet Jum tat-Tridu: Jum is-Sacerdoti u r-Reliġjużi

6.30pm Quddiesa kantata u ċelebrata mill-Kappillan Kanonku Dun Simon Sciberras. Jipprietka Patri Joseph Zahra O.P. Mistiedna speċjalment is-sacerdoti u l-komunitajiet Reliġjużi tal-Parroċċa anke' dawk kollha li ħadmu fil-Parroċċa u li huma mill-Imsida. Iċ-ċelebrazzjoni tintemm bil-kant tal-Innu tal-Għasar, Antifona, Barka Sagramentali u Innu Popolari.

Is-Sibt 20 ta' Lulju – Lejlet il-Festa

6.15pm Translazzjoni u Għasar Solenni mmexxija minn Monsinjur Alfred Camilleri, sacerdot li jservi fil-Parroċċa tagħna. Noħroġu mill-Knisja Parrokkjali purċissjoni lejn il-Knisja tal-Kuncizzjoni u nerġġu lura bir-Relikwa lejn il-Knisja Parrokkjali.

Il-Ħadd 21 ta' Lulju – Jum il-Festa

9.30am Quddiesa Solenni konċelebrata mmexxija mill-Kappillan il-Kanonku Dun Simon Sciberras. Jinsej il-panigierku l-Kanonku Antoine Borg, Direttur ta' Radju Marija.

6.00pm Quddiesa kantata u ċelebrata minn Monsinjur Carmelo Refalo, Arcipriet tal-Parroċċa Marija Bambina tax-Xagħra, Għawdex.

7.00pm Ħruġ tal-Proċessjoni bil-vara devota ta' San Ġuzepp. li ser titmexxa mill-Kanonku Dun Michael Galea, li jieħu ħsieb il-Fondazzjoni Arka, u tkun akkumpanjata mill-Banda La Stella Levantina ta' H'Attard.

11.00pm Dħul tal-Vara: titkanta l-Antifona, tingħata l-Barka Sagramentali u jitkanta l-Innu Popolari.

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