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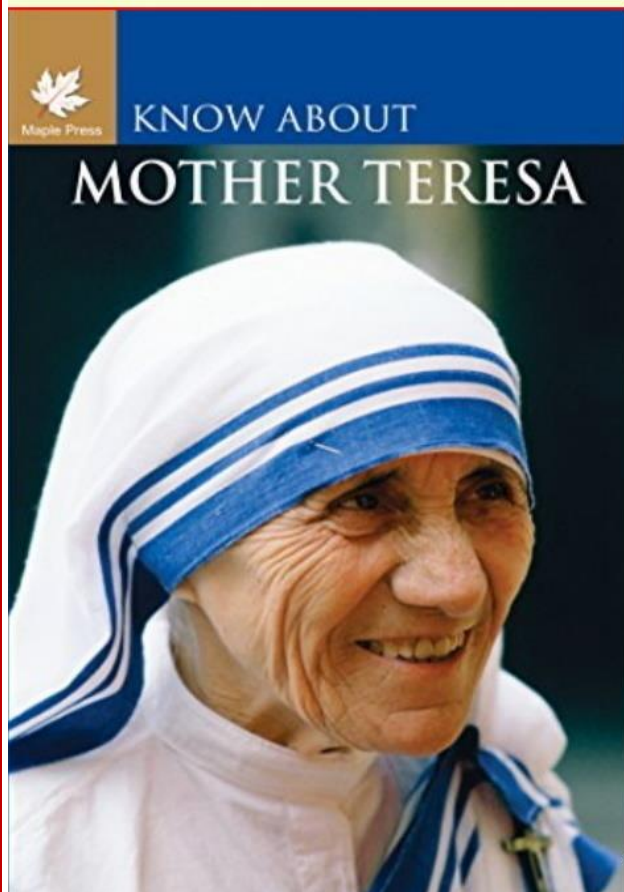
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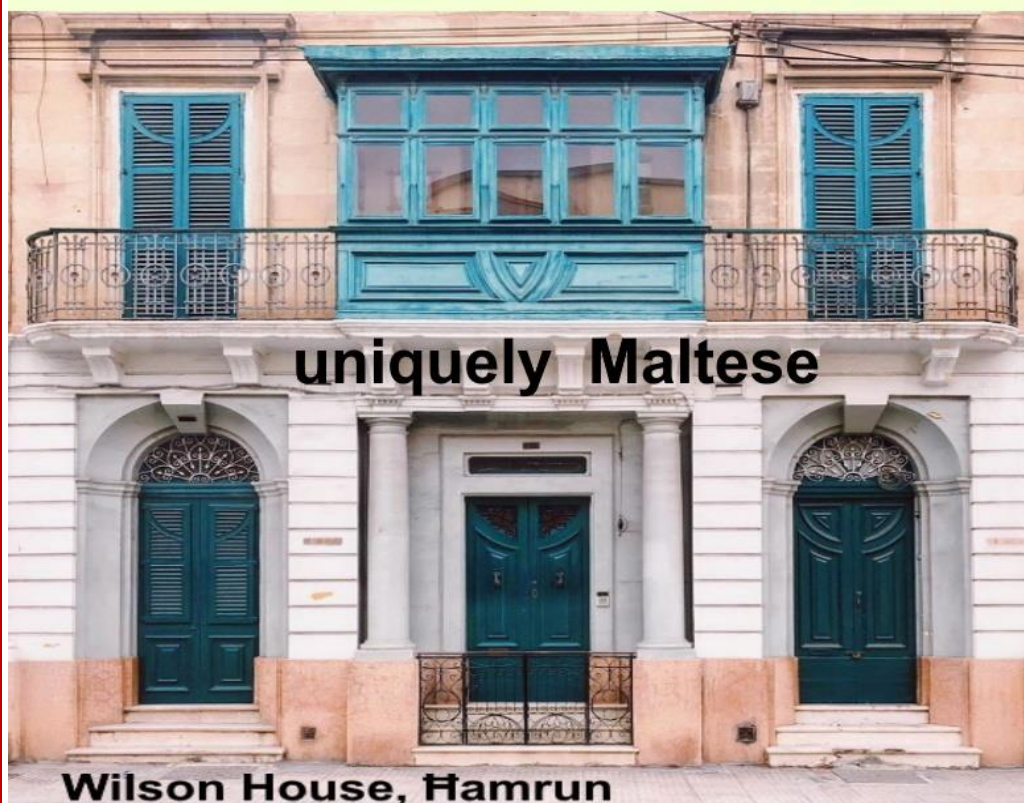
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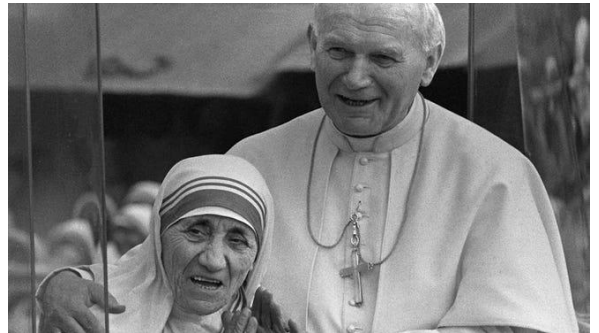


Curated by Jessica Durando

Mother Teresa, the Roman Catholic nun who died in 1997, is most remembered for serving the poor across the world.

She was unafraid to embrace the most destitute: kissing the hands of India's lepers, picking maggots from wounds of people lying in streets and hugging dying AIDS patients.

When told, in 1979, she



had won the Nobel Peace Prize, she said, "I am unworthy." She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 2003.

On the anniversary of her birth on Aug. 26, 1910, here are some of her most inspiring quotes:

1. "I see God in every human being. When I wash the leper's wounds I feel I am nursing the Lord himself. Is it not a beautiful experience?" - From a 1974 interview.
2. "We are called upon not to be successful, but to be faithful," she told her official biographer Navin Chawla.
3. "The poor give us much more than we give them. They're such strong people, living day to day with no food. And they never curse, never complain. We don't have to give them pity or sympathy. We have so much to learn from them." - From a 1977 interview.
4. "I choose the poverty of our poor people. But I am grateful to receive it (the Nobel) in the name of the hungry, the naked, the homeless, of the crippled, of the blind, of the lepers, of all those people who feel unwanted, unloved, uncared for throughout society, people that have become a burden to the society and are shunned by everyone." - She said when accepting the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.
5. "If luxury creeps in, we lose the spirit of the order," she said. "To be able to love the poor and know the poor we must be poor ourselves."



6. "I have never been in a war before, but I have seen famine and death. I was asking (myself) what do they feel when they do this? I don't understand it. They are all children of God. Why do they do it. I don't understand." - Beirut, 1982, during fighting between the Israeli army and Palestinian guerrillas.

7. "God will find another person, more humble, more devoted, more obedient to him, and the society will go on." - She said in Calcutta in 1989, after announcing her intention to retire.

8. "I was expecting to be free, but God has his own plans." - She said in Calcutta in 1990, when the sisters of her order persuaded her to withdraw her resignation.

9. "Please choose the way of peace... In the short term there may be winners and losers in this war that we all dread. But that never can, nor never will justify the suffering, pain and loss of life your weapons will cause." - Letter to George Bush and Saddam Hussein in January 1991.

10. "The other day I dreamed that I was at the gates of heaven. And St. Peter said, 'Go back to Earth, there are no slums up here.'" - Mother Teresa was quoted as telling Prince Michael of Greece in 1996.

Sources: *USA TODAY* research; *Associated Press*

THE JOURNAL KEEPING MALTESE LIVING ABROAD CONNECTED



MALTA DAY CANADA 2020

The Consul General of Republic of Malta to Canada, Dr Raymond C. Xerri presided over three events of Malta Day Canada 2020 to mark the 56th Anniversary of Malta's Independence. These events took place on Sunday, 20th September 2020 starting with a traditional Flag Raising Ceremony at Malta Park, located in Malta Village, City of Toronto, Province of Ontario in Canada.

The Ceremony commenced with the traditional annual speech delivered by the Consul General. Dr Xerri spoke about the need for a deeper unity amongst the Maltese Canadian Community in these challenging times, in the presence of the President of the Maltese Canadian Federation, Joseph Sherri, representatives of both the Clubs, Melita and the Malta Band, so were representatives from 11 other Maltese-Canadian Associations from the Province of Ontario.

Following the speech, Consul General Dr Xerri raised the Flag of Malta as the Government of Malta representative and followed by Federation President, Mr Sherri who raised the Canadian Flag on behalf of the Maltese Canadian Federation, Clubs and Associations. This first ceremony ended with the singing of both Malta's and Canada's National Anthems.

Immediately after the Flag Raising Ceremony, all presented attended a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving to mark the 56th Anniversary of Malta's Independence.

Pastors Fr Mario Micallef and Fr Charles Michael Grech both celebrated mass at the St Paul The Apostle Maltese Canadian Parish Church also in Malta Village. At the end of the Mass, Dr Raymond C. Xerri, Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada delivered another speech where he emphasized the need that every member of the Maltese Canadian Community must care for one another, especially to our elderly members in these very challenging times. Once the mass had ended, Consul General Dr Xerri handed out to all attendees a bag with traditional Maltese food and drink.

After Mass, Consul General Dr Xerri in the presence of Pastor Mario Micallef officially inaugurated a historic exhibition commencing its North American tour in the City of Toronto. Hundreds of Maltese Canadians, members from several philately clubs in the Greater Toronto Area visited and viewed the exhibition. The exhibition will close its doors on Friday, 25th September 2020.

All the above events were made possible thanks to funding provided by the Ministry for Foreign & European Affairs, Malta Post and The Malta Postal Museum. Consul General Dr Xerri whole heartedly thanked the volunteers of the St Paul The Apostle Maltese Canadian Parish Church for their cooperation in making the events of Malta Day Canada 2020 a success story.





ALL HAPPENED IN 1919

BATTLESHIPS VISIT TO MALTA

World War I Royal Navy battleships in Grand Harbour. The naval base was active throughout the war and dockyard employment nearly doubled. British, French and Japanese naval vessels used the harbours and crews went ashore for recreation. Photo: Churchill College, Cambridge, Archives Center. Bonham Carter Papers

7 JUNE RIOTS (SETTE GIUGNO)

A riot broke out in Valletta on Saturday 7 June during the meeting of the National Assembly, when a crowd attacked the Union Club, the Governor's Palace and the University. It lasted until Tuesday when the new Governor, General Herbert Plumer arrived to take over the administration of Malta.

Protests arose over the increasing cost of food and widespread unemployment. University students also aired their grievances in connection with their degrees. The premises of the Malta Daily Chronicle were destroyed; a flour mill in Hamrun was looted. The military was called in to assist the police. Soldiers of the West Yorkshire Regiment fired on the crowd and used their bayonets to restore order; four were killed and eight injured. 32 Maltese were arrested in connection with the riots. Sentences were handed down ranging from 3 months to 7 years imprisonment with the Governor remitting 14 minor sentences.

On 22 June General Plumer declared that the Secretary of State Lord Milner was prepared to consider how far it was possible to grant the people of Malta an order to share in the administration, without impairing Imperial interests.

POW MALTA JANUARY 1919

On 1 Jan 1919, 2078 Prisoners of War were held by the British in Malta. There were: Germans 1301, Austrians 318, Turks 312, Bulgars 23, Others 124.

In 1915, Captain D C L Fitzwilliams RAMC wrote *A practical manual of bandaging*. This was published in 1915 while he was serving at Malta as medical officer to 1,500 Prisoners of War of various nationalities, and while he was actively engaged in preparing orderlies for their duties in the field.

AWARDS GREAT WAR

On 28 Aug 1919 the following officers were brought to the notice of the Secretary of State for War for valuable services rendered in connection with the war: Temp Maj T Mackenzie V D MD, Temp Maj C R Nicholson, Surg Maj A E Mifsud RMA, Surg Maj R Randon MD RMA.

In 1919, Prof Winifred Clara Cullis, Professor of Physiology at the University of London, was sent to Gibraltar and Malta to lecture to the troops. She was appointed OBE in recognition of this service.

LEPROSY

In 1919, a commission was set up which modified some of the severe legislation regarding leprosy first enacted in 1893. Any person suspected of leprosy was examined by a medical board of officers and if found contagious was compulsory detained in the Leper Asylum. The Leper Hospital (St Bartholomew's Hospital), had a resident medical officers with the nursing carried out by the Sisters of Charity assisted by male and female nurses under the Medical and Health Department.



Keeping Connected for Maltese Seniors

This Facebook page is for Maltese Seniors in Australia and the Maltese Diaspora to help keeping them socially connected and informed with each other and their homeland Malta through stories, culture, and relevant important information from both Australia and Malta.

<https://www.facebook.com/malteseseniors>

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On Malta-Japan relations and the opening of an embassy in Tokyo



Andre Spiteri presenting his credentials to the emperor of Japan.

Having a presence in the third largest economy of the world is of vital importance for Malta, not only from a trade aspect but also from a political, cultural and people-to-people aspect. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations with Japan in 1965, Malta has maintained friendly bilateral ties and has also witnessed an intensification of this relationship in recent years.

Of note is the visit of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on May 27, 2017, the first official visit of a Japanese prime minister to Malta, followed by an official visit to Japan by the then prime minister, Joseph Muscat, accompanied by a sizeable trade delegation from July 30 to August 2, 2018, organised by TradeMalta.

The opening of a diplomatic mission in Tokyo is in itself a powerful statement indicating our country's commitment to establish closer links with Japan. Having a diplomatic mission in Japan can better enable Malta to pursue international trade diplomacy by:

- Being in a very good position to make important contacts and connections in diplomatic circles and in the business sector to help connect with both the Maltese public and private sector.
- Negotiating better on a government-to-government level to reduce trade barriers with Japan which can help create a level playing field for Malta-based companies to do business with Japan.
- Organising events showcasing Maltese products and services in Japan to give greater visibility to our country.
- Providing up-to-date and accurate information about the Maltese business climate.
- Being in direct contact with Japanese importers which will effectively identify problems which might hinder B2B and B2C trade relations.
- Promoting Malta on various media platforms, newspapers, magazines and TV shows.
- Assisting in the organisation of business missions to Japan from Malta.
- Being well informed on the new developments, trends and policies in Japan which can aid Maltese businesses to better target the market.

These are a few examples of what the Maltese embassy with a resident ambassador can do to enhance Malta's trade relations with Japan.

If a company aims to export to the Japanese market, there is no quick-fix solution. There needs to be solid groundwork and market research studies to better understand Japanese ways of doing business.

Cultivating people-to-people relations is also very important, so it is generally expected to travel physically to Japan to meet business partners and to invite them to Malta and attend trade fairs.

Malta-based companies have managed to export to Japan with success. As an example, the tuna industry is a major powerhouse in our economy and the major export commodity to Japan.

The above efforts require a certain level of investment but one might tap into schemes available to Maltese enterprises from TradeMalta and Malta Enterprise that might help ease the burden of doing business with Japan.

Andre Spiteri is Malta's Ambassador to Japan. He can be contacted by e-mail on andre.j.spiteri@gov.mt.



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE GREYSTANES
To grow as a community in the likeness of Christ.



been made aware that Fr. Paul will leave the Parish after six years in leadership. He will become rector of the diocesan seminary in Harris Park – the diocesan “factory” of future priests. As part of the selection of the new Parish Priest, the diocese has publicly advertised the vacancy at OLQP. Hence, all priests in the diocese may apply for the vacant position. Furthermore, the diocesan board of personnel will also meet with representatives of the Parish in order to understand the needs and the profile of our Parish. This meeting will assist the Bishop in the process of appointing a suitable priest for OLQP.

A parishioner complained that this process of selecting a candidate seems to be business like. It was suggested that the Bishop alone ought to decide on the appointment. Of course, Canon Law decrees that the decision pertains to the Bishop alone. Yet, it is comforting to know that the Bishop will make his decision based on his consultation with parishioners. Each parish has specific needs and a distinguished profile that the new Parish Priest needs to be aware of. The role of the Parish Priest is to serve the people. He is not the Parish since his appointment is only temporary while the Parish is made of parishioners who are the real guardians of the Faith for the future generations. It should always be Christ who is the focus of our Parish life.

It seems like a business..

Last week, we made public the significant change of Parish leadership that will take effect in mid October. By now, you should have



Fi Gwardamanga infethet ir-Residenza Beatu Ġerardu biex jingħata kenn lil ommijiet refuġjati li qed irabbu t-tfal waħedhom u lil uliedhom. Fost dawk li attendew għall-inawgurazzjoni u t-tberik ta' dan l-appartament mill-Arcisqof ta' Malta, I-E.T. Charles J. Scicluna, kien hemm Miriam Vella, il-mara tal-President,. Jiena mgharraf li l-Kummissjoni Emigranti għażlet tliet nisa waħedhom li għandhom wild wieħed jew żewġt ulied, li se jiġu akkomodati f'unitajiet separati iżda b'partijiet għal-użu komuni. Nifraħ lil The Maltese Cross Corps (Malta) - assoċjazzjoni periferika tal-Assoċjazzjoni Maltija tal-Ordni ta' Malta - u l-Malteser International (Paderborn & Cologne), għal dan il-proġett ta' fejda.



The Blessed Gerard Residence was opened in Gwardamanga to provide shelter to refugee single mothers

and their children Miriam Vella the President's wife was among those who attended the inauguration and blessing of this apartment by the Archbishop of Malta, H.E. Charles J. Scicluna. I am informed that the Emigrants' Commission has chosen three single mothers with one or two children, who will be accommodated in separate units but with common areas. I congratulate The Maltese Cross Corps (Malta) - a peripheral association of the Maltese Association of the Order of Malta - and Malteser International (Paderborn & Cologne), for this beneficial project.

Mario Mintoff f'isem l-Uffiċċju tal-President / for the Office of the President



AHBARIJET BIL-MALTI FUQ L-SBS

SBS Radio Maltese News: by Joe Axiaq. The latest news on coronavirus restrictions from Australia, Malta and the rest of the world.

Waqf li qed joqrob is-sajf, l-Awstralja tnaqqas ir-restrizzjonijiet tal-COVID-19 fl-istati u t-territorji kollha

Ir-restrizzjonijiet tal-coronavirus madwar l-Awstralja qeghdin jinbidlu. Ivarjaw skont fejn toqghod waqt li Stati u Territorji jagħmlu bidliet skont il-bżonnijiet tagħhom u dak li jkun iħassibhom. Dawn huma l-miżuri preżenti għall-istati u t-territorji.



<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/maltese/coronavirus-updates>



Maltese News

International News

News in Maltese from Public Broadcasting Services Limited, Malta.

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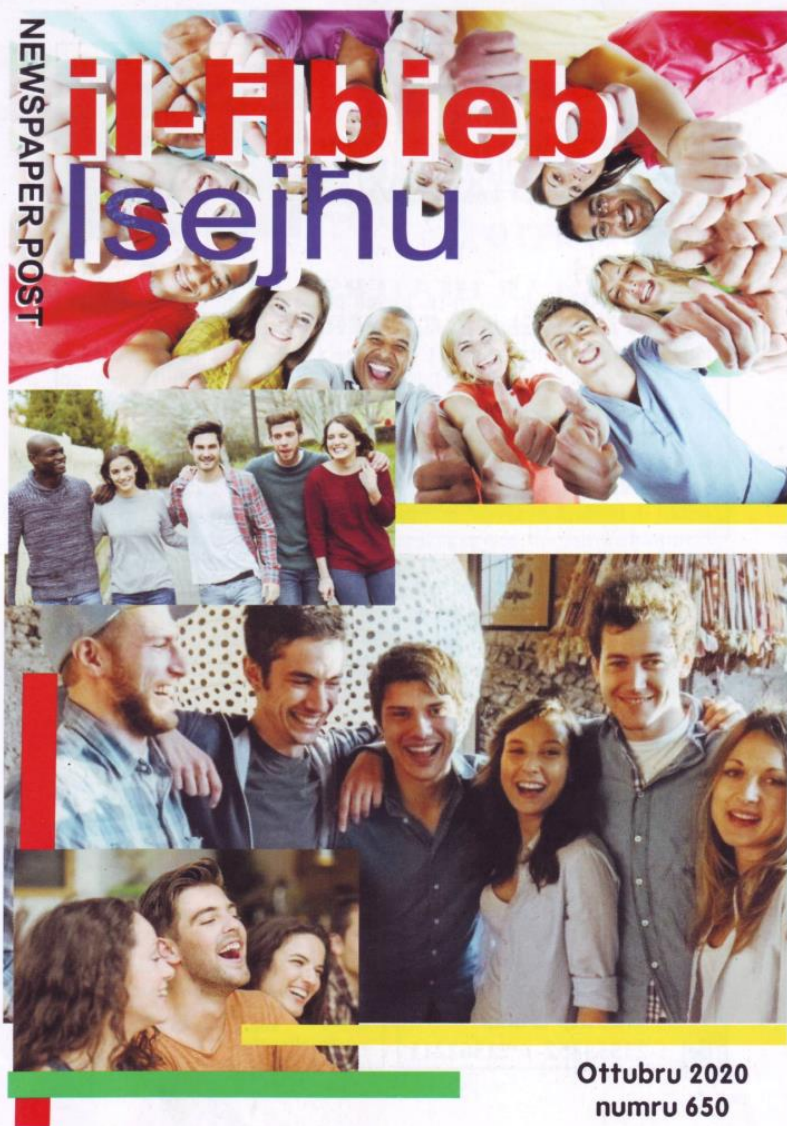
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Dawk b'diżabilità jħossuhom minsija waqt il-pandemija

Fil-Kummissjoni Rjali għal dawk b'diżabilità nstema kif dawk b'diżabilitajiet qed iħossuhom minsija waqt il-pandemija tal-Covid-19.
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Il-Hbieb Isejhu

(għas-650 darba)

Dan huwa l-isem tal-fuljett li joħroġ darba fix-xahar mill-Qasam tas-Subien (Museum) fin-Nadur. Pubblikazzjoni modesta li jkun fiha ħafna materjal li minnu hemm dejjem ħafna x'titghallim. U qed nikteb din in-nota għax il-ħarġa ta' Ottubru taħbat is-650 ħarġa li allura qed tidher f'libsa ġdida f'din l-okkażjoni speċjali.

Ilu joħroġ 55 sena bla waqfien u jidhrol f'għadd sabiħ ta' djar b'ħafna saġrifċju u xogħol li jinkludi tant qlob ġenerużi li kull xahar iterrqu mar-raħal tan-Nadur (jien nirċevih bil-posta) biex iwasslu dan il-fuljett fi djar il-qarrejja. Ta' min irodd ħajr lill-koppja Sammy u Silvana Portelli ta' Portelli Print fin-Nadur stess li għal tant snin ipprovdew il-cover bil-kulur għall-fuljett u la qatt ħadu ċenteżmu tax-xogħol u anqas tal-materjal kif ukoll lit-tabib Coronato Grech li għal mijiet ta' ħarġiet dejjem ta l-artikli nteressanti tiegħu kif ukoll lis-saċerdot twajieb Dun Mikiel Attard li welled dan il-fuljett, ħabbu u sostnieh kemm dam ħaj.

Dan il-fuljett twieled bil-għan li jfakkar lill-ġuvinturi, old boys u misserijiet tan-Nadur fil-laqgħa tal-ewwel Sibb tax-xahar u jipprovdli wkoll qari tajjeb lil daww kollha li bħali jirċevuh. Ngħid għaliya naqrah minn qoxra sa qoxra u jinżluli ferm b'mod speċjali l-editorjal u paġni 6 u 7 fejn wieħed jiltaqa' ma' għadd ta' stejjer u fatti qosra ferm interessanti. Frott ta' dan il-fuljett ta' min jgħid li d-Direzzjoni rnexxielha tippubblika sitt volumi ta' stejjer li flimkien idommu 3000 storja.

Ngħidilkom li ntlagħu tajjeb ħafna minn min iħobb l-istejjer (bħali), mill-katekisti, predikaturi u għalliema li jridu jzejnu l-lezzjoni/laqgħa tagħhom bi grajja li tkompli tenfasizzza l-punti prinċipali. U xi ċajta 'l hawn u 'l hinn ma tonqosx. Jien għandi dawn is-sitt volumi, ferħan bihom u ta' spiss nużahom fejn inkun u qed inħares b'herqa lejn is-seba' volum li diġa beda jithejja. Prosit immela lis-Superjur, soċi u membri ta' dan il-Qasam għal din il-ħidma li qed tħalli ħafna frott.

Kav Joe M Attard Rabat – Għawdex

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COVID-19 Roadmap Media Statement

Please attribute to Beyond Blue spokesperson

Beyond Blue wants to remind everyone in Australia that free mental health and wellbeing support is available around the clock.

It's never too early or late to reach out for support, get some practical advice and put a plan in place to help you cope.

It can really help to talk things through and mental health professionals at the Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service are available for everyone on 1800 512 348 or via online chat at coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au.

There's no eligibility criteria and you don't need a referral.

In the current circumstances, it's normal to feel stressed, anxious, lonely, exhausted or overwhelmed. So don't think this is a service for other people or that your issue is too small. If you're struggling to cope, pick up the phone or go online – don't wait until things get worse or you reach crisis point.

The Australian Small Business and Family Enterprise Ombudsman's [My Business Health](https://mybusinesshealth.gov.au) website provides resources for small business owners and sole traders affected by the pandemic.

The National Debt Helpline provides free counselling to help people tackle their debt problems on 1800 007 007 or at ndh.org.au.

We know this has also been a particularly stressful time for young people coping with isolation, remote learning and general uncertainty. Lots of young people need a little extra help right now, so we've joined forces with [ReachOut](https://au.reachout.com) to connect you with some resources to help you cope. For more information, visit au.reachout.com

Coronavirus Mental Wellbeing Support Service

coronavirus.beyondblue.org.au or 1800 512 348.

Over €1 million collected in MCCFF telethon



Collection to compensate for pandemic shortfall

President George Vella and Mrs Vella (centre) answering calls during Sunday's telethon. Photo: President's Office

A total of €1,010,985 were collected during a 12-hour telethon, 'Ghinuna Nghinukom', organised by The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation on Sunday.

The decision to hold the fundraising event, which was broadcast on all local television stations, was taken in a bid

to compensate for the shortfall in donations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result of the restrictions introduced to curb the spread of the virus, annual events which used to help fill up the national charity fund's coffers – including large-scale ones such as Rockestra and the Fun Run – had to be cancelled, thus depriving the MCCFF of valuable funds to support those in need.

Besides, some entrepreneurs who would have been at the forefront with their donations, are going through a tough time themselves and can only afford smaller contributions, if any.

At the end of the telethon, President George Vella and Mrs Vella thanked the Maltese people for being so generous as well as the team who made the telethon happen in such a short time.

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE MALTESE-CANADIAN PARISH IS 90 YEARS OLD



This Maltese-Canadians commemorate the 90th Anniversary of the St Paul The Apostle Maltese-Canadian Parish here in Toronto, during two masses to accommodate the demand from Maltese-Canadian parishiners.

The Parish Church was graced with presence of H.E. Bishop Robert Kasun CSB, the bishop of the region, celebrate two solemn masses, one at 9am and the other in Maltese at 10.30am.

As Consul General of the Republic of Malta to Canada it was a great pleasure seeing the Consul General for Malta in Canada Dr. Raymond Xerri, Maltese-Canadian Federation President Joseph Sherri; the Presidents of the two clubs, Melita S.C and the Malta Band Club along with a number of other Maltese-Canadian Associations all represented on this very special day to all Maltese-Canadians.

Malta Chooses Its Junior Eurovision Song Contest Entry



Chanel Monseigneur will be representing Malta on the 29th November at this year's Junior Eurovision Song Contest, which will be different than usual, with participants singing from their home country.

Chanel was born on the 2nd of January 2011 and lives in Mosta. It was at an early age that she showed interest and passion for singing. Her first singing

and music theory lesson was 3 years ago but she always showed interest in learning the piano, so she added piano lessons last year.

Crew on first post-pandemic Greek cruise contract virus

The Maltese-flagged Mein Schiff 6 is operated by German travel giant TUI



A dozen crew members on the first cruise ship to dock in Greece after the coronavirus lockdown have tested positive, the Greek coastguard said on Monday. The Maltese-flagged Mein Schiff 6 operated by German travel giant TUI, with 922 passengers on board, is currently moored off the Aegean island of Milos, a coastguard spokeswoman told AFP. The positive results surfaced after tests on 150 among the crew's 666 crew members, she said.

"They are assistant staff," the spokeswoman said. "They have been isolated on board, and we are

awaiting instructions from the public health agency on where the ship is to sail."

The cruise ship had sailed from the Cretan port of Iraklio on Sunday evening and was heading to Piraeus near Athens.

The passengers had a clean bill of health before the voyage, the spokeswoman said.

The TUI ship was the first to return to Greek waters after lockdown measures imposed in March, local operators said, docking at Iraklio in mid-September.



MMG CONCERT BAND – MALTA

We would like to thank everyone that purchased a ticket/s in our raffle to win a TM6 bundle.

We really appreciate the support.

As per our live video on Facebook, which took place last night (Monday), our lucky winner was

FRANCES OFFER!

To replay the moment we announced the lucky winner, head to our

[Facebook page](#) or click the video below.

Thank you once again.

If you haven't already done so, follow us on our social channels.



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Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of La Valette Social Centre shall be held on Friday 30th October 2020 at 7.00 pm at 175 Walters Road, Blacktown NSW 2148
Tel. No. 9622 5847

Nominations for the following positions:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and Committee Members
must be received by the Secretary not later than 7.30 pm on Saturday 17th October 2020.

Nominations for the election of officers and other members of the Committee shall be in writing and signed by two (2) financial members of La Valette Social Centre, the written consent thereof of the persons so nominated shall be transcribed thereunder (sec: 35) (A)


Appointment of Proxy votes duly completed are to be received by the Secretary no later than Saturday 24th October 2020.

Nomination and Proxy Forms available from the Centre.

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

- To confirm the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
- To receive from the Committee reports of the activities of the Association during the last financial year
- To receive the Financial Report
- Motion to approve two (2) Life Members: Joe Abela and Jimmy Zammit
- To elect the office bearers and Committee members for 2020/2021
- To discuss other business brought forward according to the constitution

Please note: Nominations from the floor to fill a position would only be accepted if written nominations are not received for that position.
A member may not hold more than one (1) proxy
To be eligible to stand for a position on the Committee, a member must have been a financial member for not less than two (2) years.


Frances Fitzpatrick - Secretary

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from
Frank Scicluna and Team

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Special handstamp to commemorate World Postcard Day 2020

GOZO NEWS

A special handstamp to commemorate World Postcard Day will be issued by MaltaPost on Thursday, the 1st of October at the Malta Postal Museum.

Orders for this special handstamp may be placed from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Hal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001, online at www.maltaphilately.com



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MARIO FARRUGIA BORG - Consul General for Malta in Victoria



Feels great to return to the Office after working from home for so long, albeit wearing masks and socially distancing. And to make it even more of a happy occasion, we received a lovely bunch of flowers from our colleagues at our High Commission in Canberra. Thank you so much! Slowly returning to (some) normality...

ONLINE MALTESE LANGUAGE LESSONS

with the
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**SATURDAY SCHOOL OF
COMMUNITY LANGUAGES**



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Online classes for students in Years 7-10
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The NSW Department of Education is providing the Maltese community with the opportunity to run online Maltese language classes for Years 7-10 students who would like to learn the language of their parents and strengthen their connection to their culture.

The SSCL currently offers a face-to-face Maltese language class on Saturday mornings but due to a number of factors, many students cannot attend.

This online class is a unique opportunity for students of Maltese background, no matter where they live in NSW.

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Minkejja dan, biex inkomplu b'dit-tradizzjoni b'mod virtwali, għadd ta' membri tal-Għaqda laqgħu s-suggeriment ta' Dr Clemente Zammit li jikkontribwixxu kitba tagħhom għal ktejjeb b'tifkira, imtella' *online*. Fuq suggeriment ta' Rosemary Attard u r-raġel tagħha Charles din il-gabra ta' kitbiet tinkludi wkoll kitbiet ta' membri li

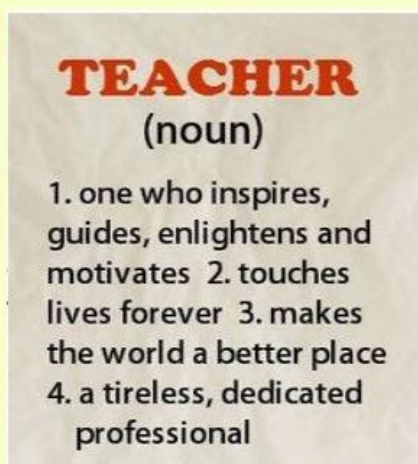
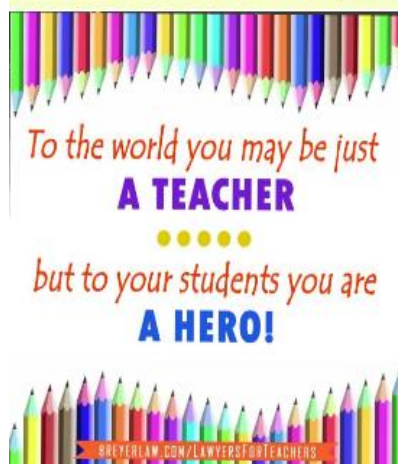
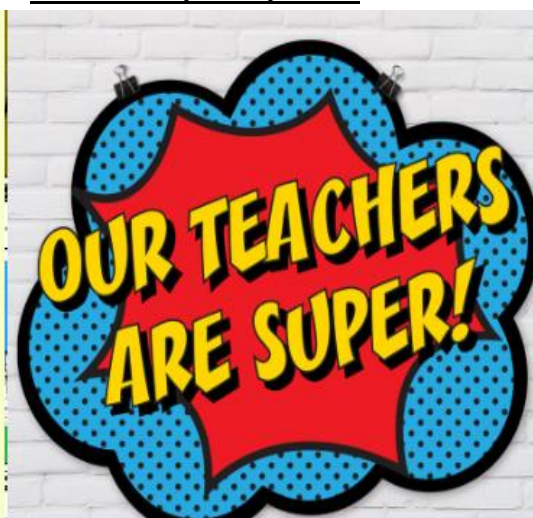
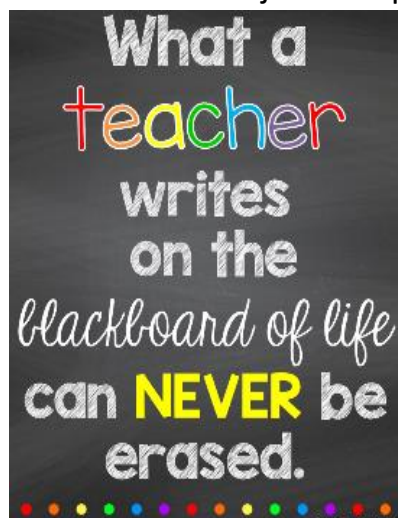
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Tistgħu taqraw il-ktejjeb, forma ta' *flipbook* billi tużaw il-link li ġejja:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/bxaj/fjyx>

Tisljiet mill-qalb u ħudu ħsieb saħħitkom,

Paul Vella, PRO, GLM





Arts Council Malta ·

Meet the artist: Mariella Cassar.

Presented by Arts Council Malta in NY.

Composer of acoustic and electroacoustic music Mariella Cassar-Cordina is currently the second of two artists representing Malta, participating in the ongoing project "10001", an interdisciplinary collaborative virtual art project presented by Undercurrent gallery in New York City in partnership with EUNIC NY-- the European Union National Institute of Cultures in NY. Mariella is teamed up with Austrian mixed media installation artist Nicola Ginzel.

Project 10001 organized by Undercurrent in partnership with Arts Council Malta in New York, Austrian Cultural Forum New York, Lithuanian Art and Culture in the USA, Flanders in the USA,

Polish Cultural Institute New York, Kultuuriministerium and EUNIC Global.

More information: <https://10001.undercurrent.nyc/exhibit/teams/team-1>



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DR. LUIS ENRIQUE IV SANTALIZ-UIZ
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Consulate of The Republic of Malta to Puerto Rico

[September 22](#)

The Consulate of Malta to Puerto Rico celebrated the 56th Anniversary of Independence. For the occasion, our Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary His Excellency Keith Azzopardi, the Secretary of State of Puerto Rico Hon. Esq.

Raúl Márquez and the Hon. Consul of Malta to Puerto Rico Dr. Santaliz-Ruiz pronounced addresses in honor of Malta. Thanks to all of the distinguished guests who accompanied us in this virtual celebration of Malta's Independence.



REP. DARRIN CAMILLERI
MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
DISTRICT 23



President Barack Obama

Advice and encouragement to the Class of 2020:

1. Don't be afraid
2. Do what you think is right

3. Build a community

"Be alive to one another's struggles. Stand up for one another's rights. Leave behind all the old ways of thinking that divide us....and set the world on a different path."

1000 ‘Il-Hajja f’Ghawdex’ – 75 sena magħna! Kav. Joe M Attard

Xi ftit taż-żmien ilu kienet għet f’idejja l-**Elf Hargħa** tar-rivista maħruġa mid-Djoċesi Ghawdxija ‘Il-Hajja f’Ghawdex’ li kienet rat id-dawl tal-istampa bl-inizjattiva ta’ Patri Accursio Xerri, Ghawdxi erudit, poeta u oratur. Lapida f’għiehu nsibuha fi pjazzetta msemija għalih mhux bogħod mill-iskola primarja tal-Gvern ta’ Victoria. Propju fl-10 ta’ Gunju, din ir-rivista qed tagħlaq **75 sena** minn twelidha. Qed nikteb din innota biex nifrah lill-Ediitur attwali ta’ din il-pubblikazzjoni mensili, iż-żagħżuġh Francesco Pio Attard mill-Belt Victoria li tant jahdem b’risq il-ġid tal-Knisja f’Ghawdex. Tassew hargħ bl-unuri kollha meta kien tana veru tifkira sabiha ta’ din ir-rivista li jekk smajt sewwa tidhol f’mhux inqas minn 700 familja u nemmen li għandha tilhaq iktar familji li jhobbu l-Knisja fi gżirtna. Sallum din ir-rivista (għal min forsi għandu l-maġġoranza tal-hargħiet tagħha) saret enċiklopedija dwar Ghawdex u l-Ghawdxin għax fiha kitbu u għadhom jiktbu bosta kittieba bravi dwar bosta suġġetti ta’ natura differenti. Il-kwalita tal-karta hija tajba hafna u tinqara b’heffa. Grazi lil tant persuni li joghġobhom jirreklamaw għax tassew qed jgħinu lill-istampa t-tajba. Fil-hargħiet varji tar-rivista ta’ kuill xahar insibu għadd ta’ artikli nteressanti minn għadd ta’ kittieba lkoll esperti fil-qasam tagħhom. Li tohrog rivista bħal din kull xahar hija veru biċċa xogħol mhix żgħira u trid tkun veru ddedikat għax mank tkun għadek lestejt minn waħda li ma tridx tibda taħseb fuq li jmiss għax il-hin jgħaddi bla ma tinduna. Kif stqarr l-editur stess, tkun għadek kemm wellidt tarbija u ma jkollox iċ-ċans taraha tibda miexja li ma tridx tibda taħseb għat-tarbija li jmiss. Prosit lil tant edituri li ġew qabel u kittieba oħra li forsi m’għadhomx magħna.

Għaddew tgerbu tliet kwarti ta’ seklu u ‘*Il-Hajja f’Ghawdex*’ għadha magħna u jidher li rebħet fuq tant skossi u problemi li ltaqgħet magħhom matul hajjitha. F’dawn il-ġranet qed tfakkar il-75 sena tagħha hajja sewwa sew fl-10 ta’ Gunju meta f’Ghawdex infakkru wkoll Jum il-belt Victoria. Il-fundatur tagħha bħalma għidna iktar ‘l fuq kien Patri Accursio Xerri li tweled fil-belt Victoria fis-16 ta’ Gunju 1915 u studja fis-Seminarju ta’ art tweldu u kompli fis-Seminarju f’Malta u ssokta l-istudji tiegħu fl-Universita Kattolika prestigġjuża ta’ Milan. Ġie ordnat Saċerdot fl-1939 iżda kellu jirritorna lejn Ghawdex billi konna fi żmien il-Gwerra u Malta kienet fuq in-naħa tal-Ingilterra. Ta’ intelligenti li kien ried jagħmel xi haġa biex jeduka lil hutu Ghawdxin meta f’dawk iż-żmenijiet l-ebda

parroċċa ma kellha xi tip ta’ pubblikazzjoni tagħha u Ghawdex tista’ tgħid li kien minsi mill-Gvern Ċentrali. Kien l-avukat Francesco Masini li kien waqqaf il-Partit Ghawdxi fl-1947 li ma kellux wisq hajja u wara tfaċċa wkoll il-Kunsill Civiku t’Ghawdex. Kien f’din l-arja rinaxximentali li tfaċċat din ir-rivista bil-ghan li tagħti vuċi lill-Ghawdxin.

Bl-eżistenza ta’ hmistax-il parroċċa u madwar ħamsin kappella mferrxa mal-gżira Ghawdxija, ‘Il-Hajja f’Ghawdex’ kienet dik il-vuċi li biha setgħu jsemmgħu l-vuċi tagħhom l-Ghawdxin. Ghawdex sar Djoċesi fl-1864 u b’din ir-rivista ppubblikata mill-Knisja lokali, seta’ jsemma lehnu. Għal bidu l-isem kien biss ‘Ghawdex’ imma fl-1965, Mons Isqof Nikol Cauchi bidel l-isem għal dak tallum biex b’hekk ir-rivista tkun tista’ iktar tirrefletti l-hajja varjata tal-Ghawdxin.

Naħseb waħda mill-iktar hargħiet popolari u mfittxija ta’ din ir-rivista kienet meta ‘Il-Hajja f’Ghawdex’ hargħet edizzjoni speċjali fl-okkażjoni taż-Żjara tal-Papa Gwanni Pawlu t-Tieni fil-gżira tagħna f’Mejju tal-1990. Dan kien l-ewwel Papa li qatt żar lill-gzejjer Maltin. Matul l-imghoddi mqalleb tagħna, Malta kellha żewġ Inkwiżituri li qagħdu fuq il-katedra ta’ Pietru: Fabio Chigi li sar il-Papa Alessandru VI u Antonio Pignatelli li ha l-isem ta’ Papa Innoċenzu XI. Imma kif għidna, qatt qabel ma kellna żjara fostna minn Papa sakemm fis-26 ta’ Mejju 1990, il-Papa Gwanni Pawlu t-Tieni rifes fuq l-art Ghawdxija u qaddes fuq iz-zuntier tas-Santwarju tal-Madonna Ta’ Pinu (jien kelli xortija tajba li naqra waħda mit-talbiet tal-fidli f’dik l-okkażjoni) fil-preżenza ta’ eluf ta’ Ghawdxin u wara żar ukoll il-Katidral fiċ-Ċittadella. Dan kollu jinsab miġbur f’haġa speċjali tal-‘Hajja f’Ghawdex’.

Illum din ir-rivista qed tfakkar il-75 anniversarju minn twelidha. Meta wiehed iqis li sal-2015 il-poplu tagħna kien qed jilhaq l-ghomor ta’ 82 sena, tliet snin iktar minn 15-il sena ilu, nistgħu ngħidu li dir-rivista marret tajjeb. Iżda bħal kull pubblikazzjoni oħra, din ir-rivista kellha wkoll il-problemi tagħha u kien hemm żmien meta sabet ruhha f’diffikultajiet imma bir-rieda tal-edituri tagħha matul iż-żmenijiet u bil-ghajnuna ta’ diversi benefatturi rnexxielha żżomm il-pass mat-teknoloġija moderna. Jalla ‘Il-Hajja f’Ghawdex’ jirnexxilha, kif qal xi hadd dan l-aħħar *continue to bring the world to Gozo and Gozo to the world* fis-snin li ġejjin



Legends & Myths in Malta

Malta, a small country full of mysterious temples, ancient buildings, a rich history and beautiful natural [sites](#).

Taking into account the people of Malta and Gozo's romantic, emotional and frequently quirky temperament, it's no wonder that Malta is also a treasure trove full of **legends, myths, and folk tales**.

The inspiring atmosphere of our beautiful country serves as the perfect muse for these stories.

Malta is surrounded with legends and myths. Religious stories and ghostly tales have been told on the island for centuries. Some of these stories are truly fascinating and eerie, others slightly farfetched, each as interesting as the last.

SAINT PAUL AND THE VENOMOUS VIPER

Perhaps the best known legend on the island is that of Saint Paul and the Venomous Viper. This legend can be found in the Bible. Legend has it that when St Paul was gathering wood to make a fire for himself and some other shipwrecked people, a venomous viper sprang out of the sticks and bit him. The Maltese, who were very superstitious at the time, expected St Paul to die of poisoning, however no harm came to him. It is said that from that day all snakes and scorpions in Malta became harmless and non-poisonous.

THE LEGEND OF TAL-MAQLUBA

Another interesting legend in Malta which I was recently told is that of tal-Maqluba. The legend states that once the area of tal-Maqluba, just south of the Maltese village of Qrendi, there once was an evil village. The people were so bad that God punished them by opening the ground and the whole village was swallowed by the Earth. The opening in the ground stopped exactly in front of a chapel, which is still present just by the edge of this enormous hole. The crater is 50 meters in circumference and around 40 meters deep.



LOST CITY OF ATLANTIS

However my favourite legend is the one that states how Malta may just be the true location for Atlantis. Malta has incredible ancient structures that are now dated as over 5000 years old and are said by orthodox archaeologists to potentially be the oldest stone ruins in the world.

Malta once had huge animals like elephants. This shows evidence of having been destroyed in a huge cataclysmic wave. Author Joseph Ellul and others have proposed that Malta was part of a great civilization of the past, possibly Atlantis. Malta was probably connected to other parts of the Mediterranean when a huge wave from the Atlantic filled the Mediterranean. The island is far too small now to have been Atlantis, but it shows that the Mediterranean was a very different place 12,000 years ago.



Calypso Cave in Gozo

In a medium-sized open cave hidden inside the high cliffs overlooking Ramla Bay on the Western side lies what is known as the Cave of Calypso. According to Homer's *Odyssey*, Calypso was a water nymph who could not leave her abode – the island of Ogygia. After losing his ship and his comrades, the King of Ithaca and great hero Ulysses was blown on the shores of the island and found by Calypso, who fell in love with him. Ulysses remained in Calypso's cave for

seven years, before being allowed to sail back home to his wife.

However, Calypso was still in love with him, and legend says that she's still waiting for him on her island. The way Homer describes the location of Ogygia within the Mediterranean Sea – as well as a number of other ancient writings on the subject – have led popular theory to state that Gozo is Ogygia, and that the cave was the one in Ramla Bay. If you want to take a look at it, all you have to do is visit this amazing beach, set between the villages of Xagħra and Nadur. Who knows, maybe you'll even hear the sound of Calypso, moaning and crying for her Ulysses, in the sound of the crashing of the waves below.



ST. ANGELO IN BIRGU (VITTORIOSA)

Built around the medieval period as a castle called the *Castrum Maris* (Castle by the Sea.) Later rebuilt by the Order of St John. During the Great Siege, Ottoman soldiers were decapitated and their heads were used as cannon balls, talking about extreme measures. However, this was done because the Ottomans crucified Knights (also headless and cut up) floating in the Grand Harbour, with the tide bringing them to Birgu. The place is haunted by the

headless Ottomans and also the mysterious Grey Lady.

The grey lady was a beautiful woman but had a tragic life. She was a mistress of Di Nava family. Tired of being second best, the lady went to the house of the nobleman, while his wife was there. The nobleman told his guards to "get rid of her". The guards took it literally and killed her. Dumping her body in a dungeon known as "It-Toqba" The hole. When he found out what the guards did, he killed them and dumped their bodies in this hole. Take about a huge misunderstanding right there. Now, her spirit is exorcised. You can stroll the bastions with ease but keep a lookout for the headless Ottomans



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Promoting the Maltese culture, history and heritage

From cathedrals to crumbling chapels and soaring basilicas - 360 churches

From cathedrals to crumbling chapels, soaring basilicas to local parishes, there are some stunningly beautiful churches in Malta. And if we run the numbers, though measuring barely over 120 square miles, Malta's rocky terrain hosts over 360 houses of worship. But given that this used to be St. Paul's turf, the number of churches in Malta isn't a shock – the Maltese are among the oldest Christian people in the world.

You don't need to be religiously affiliated to be wowed by these landmarks, however. From the gilded interiors of St George's Basilica, to the frescos of St Paul's Cathedral Mdina and the rainbow marble and soaring vaults of St John's Co-Cathedral, these are some of the most beautiful buildings on earth. Head inside when the weather starts to cool and the sun goes down – these candlelit churches in Malta were made to be admired.

ST JOHN'S CO-CATHEDRAL, VALLETTA - Enter St John's Co-Cathedral, and you'll have the sensation of walking into an almost absurdly ornate jewellery box. Everywhere you look, there's glorious pomp: from the gilded arches and ceiling frescos to the colourful, marble-inlaid floor and masterpieces by the likes of Caravaggio. This Baroque wonder is, quite literally, a gem.

CHURCH OF ST CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VALLETTA The opposite of St John's in terms of scale – and crowds – the Church of St Catherine of Alexandria is comparatively tucked away. But that doesn't mean it's not worth a wander: after 10 years of restoration, its picturesque dome and gleaming altarpiece are at their very shiniest. Not to mention that it once used to be the stomping ground of the island's Italian Knights.

ROTUNDA SANTA MARIJA ASSUNTA, MOSTA Known colloquially as the “Mosta Dome,” this rotunda church has more than a few claims to fame. Built in the mid-19th century, it happens to have the fourth largest dome in the world. It also almost didn't survive WWII: though a Luftwaffe bomb fell directly through the dome, it miraculously didn't explode. Thus, the church happily remains – though a replica bomb can still be witnessed inside.

SANCTUARY OF OUR LADY, MELLIEHA One of the oldest in Malta, rumour has it that St. Paul himself used to frequent this church and may even have dabbled with painting – many of the church's murals are (probably apocryphally) credited to his hand. Sainly talents aside, this church's exterior views of the nearby bay are as captivating as its interior. Plus, the creepy crypt is housed within one of the island's many natural caves.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, MDINA

St Paul's Cathedral – often called the Mdina Cathedral – may not be quite as ostentatious as St John's Co-Cathedral, but sumptuous is the operative word for its interior. Think marble in all colours of the rainbow, inlaid floors, frescoes on every available surface whilst every other available space is licked with gold. Subtle it isn't, but who cares about subtle when you can have sheer decadence?

CITTADELLA CATHEDRAL, VICTORIA Built by the same architect as the Mdina Cathedral, the Cittadella Cathedral is a little bit like its younger sibling. Said to occupy land that the Roman Temple of Juno once stood on, and inside ancient fortification walls, this one's as pretty on the outside as it is inside.

PARISH OF ST PAUL'S SHIPWRECK, VALLETTA It was the naval accident that changed everything for Malta, and the storied shipwreck of St Paul is here memorialised in a pretty little church in the capital city. Perhaps the biggest historical draw, though, is a shard of St Paul's wrist bone, preserved in a gilded reliquary.

8. St George's Basilica, Victoria Known varyingly as “the gold church” and “the marble church,” St George's Basilica's nicknames should give a hint to its over-the-top levels of décor. One of Gozo's best known architectural masterpieces, it's plainer on the outside – lest you need to give your eyes a break.

TA'PINU NATIONAL SHRINE, GHARB From its clifftop location in rural Gozo, the Ta' Pinu National Shrine offers postcard-worthy views of the surrounding region. First admire the natural beauty; then, head indoors for a more celestial aesthetic. The walls of Ta'Pinu are relatively untouched; instead, let your eyes be drawn upwards by the lines of the soaring vaults.

CARMELITE CHURCH, VALLETTA For those who've strolled into Valletta and wondered, "what's that?" when seeing the dome that dominates the skyline, here's your answer. Though the Carmelite Church wasn't as lucky as the Mosta Dome – WWII left it scarred and battered by bombs – the restored structure is now gleaming and has become the poster child of all the churches in Malta.



A FEW OF THE

CHURCHES OF MALTA & GOZO



Growing up in prehistoric Malta

Growing up in today's world may not be easy; the busy schedules, the homework, the extra lessons, mums telling us to get off our mobiles, not to mention those pesky siblings!

Parents often mention that things were better when they were young, but what about prehistoric childhood? What about growing up all the way back in the **Neolithic** period? No school and no homework – brilliant right?! But no TV and no Wi-Fi too!

On Saturday, 3rd October, Heritage Malta is inviting children to visit **Haġar Qim** in order to find out more about what it was like to be a child in **Prehistoric Malta**. How did children spend their days in those ancient times, what did they eat and how did they learn without attending school?

The curators will be giving exclusive tours at Haġar Qim with special access to the North Temple for children 7 to 12 years old (recommended age). Each tour will last around an hour and will accommodate 10 children. One parent/guardian may accompany each child.

Tours will be in Maltese at 10:00hrs and in English at 14:00hrs.

Tickets need to be pre-booked. Price: €5 per child (5 to 15 years) – one accompanying adult can accompany child free of charge.

Due to COVID-19 health regulations, a temperature reading will take place and Heritage Malta reserves the right to deny access to anyone with a temperature higher than 37.2 degrees Celsius or if feeling unwell. All participants will be required to wear masks throughout the whole activity

October 2020 Museum and Site Opening Hours

"In a time when many people around the world are separated from one another due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, museums and cultural sites are currently playing a very important role to bring humanity together. While we are coming up with various initiatives to offer virtual tours to the public, nothing compares to actually visiting the site and experiencing it personally," explained Heritage Malta CEO, Noel Zammit.

While taking all the necessary measures to maintain a safe and healthy environment, both for the employees and visitors, Heritage Malta is announcing the opening hours of several of its sites and museums in October.

Hal Saflieni Hypogeum: Open Mondays till Sundays from 09.00 to 17.00hrs. Last minute tickets for the Hypogeum can **only** be purchased on site.

From Thursday to Sunday, the following museums and sites will be open from 10.00 to 16.30hrs:

Fort St. Elmo and the National War Museum National Museum of Archaeology
MUŻA Palace Armoury Fort St. Angelo St. Paul's Catacombs Haġar Qim and Mnajdra Temples
Skorba & Hagrat Ġgantija Temples Ta' Kola Windmill

On Tuesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, the following museums and sites will be open from 10.00 to 16.30hrs:

Domvs Romana Inquisitor's Palace Tarxien Temples Citadel Museums and Visitor Centre

The following museums and sites are currently closed due to ongoing projects:

Ta' Bistra Catacombs Fortress Builders Għar Dalam Borġ in-Nadur
Maritime Museum Palace State Rooms National Museum of Natural History



ORLANDO EMANUEL CARUANA AWARDED MEDAL OF HONOUR FOR ACTIONS DURING CIVIL WAR

Private Orlando Emanuel Caruana was a Maltese-born American soldier who fought in the American Civil War.

Born: 23 June 1844, Valletta, Malta

Died: 14 September 1917, Washington, D.C., United States

Years of service: 1861–1864

Allegiance: United States

Award: Medal of Honor

Battles and wars: Battle of New Bern, Battle of South Mountain

Service/branches: United States Army, Union Army

Service: Army **Division:** 51st New York Infantry

Date of Issue: November 14, 1890

CITATION: The President of the United States of America, in the name of Congress, takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to Private Orlando Emanuel Caruana, United States Army, for extraordinary heroism on 14 March 1862, while serving with Company K, 51st New York Infantry, in action at New Bern, North Carolina. Private Caruana brought off the wounded color sergeant and the colors under a heavy fire of the

enemy. He was one of four soldiers who volunteered to determine the position of the enemy at South Mountain, Maryland on 14 September 1862. While so engaged was fired upon and his three companions killed, but he escaped and rejoined his command in safety.





Charles Montebello Victoria

Going thru my treasure chest I found my Commemorative Medal that was given to me in Malta in 1954 to celebrate the Royal visit by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I was only 5 years old in 1954 when I received the medal, I keep it and put it my my pocket in 1958 when we migrated to Australia. Most

primary school children received the medal



Sue Abela and Paul Gray crowned BOV National Senior Champions 2020

Sue Abela and Paul Gray were crowned BOV Bowling National Senior Champions for 2020. Gray and Abela both led from day one of the championship reserved for bowlers over 50 years of age, and were never in any danger of losing the top spot.

In the ladies section, Abela bowled strongly with a 205 scratch average to maintain her dominance of this division with her fourth title in so many editions of this championship. Her

dominance was such that she had an incredible 750 pins scratch over second placed Josephine Borg. The tightly contested third place went to veteran Tessa Bonnici who managed to pip Liliana Spiteri by just 25 pins overall.

Paul Gray shot out of the starting blocks with his personal best 6 game set of 1472, (245 scratch average), which is also the second best 6 game set ever in the local Seniors category. Gray shot a 299 and a 274 in this set to win these championships for a second time

Gray stayed in total control over the competitors even in day two and three, to end up high bowler scratch with almost a 219 average. With his additional age related handicap he ended up almost 200 pins ahead of second place. This battle for second place was very tightly contested between Mark Spiteri, Dennis Mercieca and Kenneth Arpa. At the end, Spiteri, managed to beat Mercieca by just 1 pin (3922-3921,

including handicap), with Arpa 83 pins behind after an unlucky last game. 5th place went to Giancarlo Tolu, who had a great second set of games playing his personal best of 1361 (almost 227 average).

Charles Azzopardi, Executive PR & Marketing at Bank of Valletta presented the trophies to the champions. Bank of Valletta is the one of the main supporters of the Malta Ten Pin Bowling Association and a major supporter of sporting initiatives on the Maltese Islands.



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Kunsill Lokali Local Council Żejtun

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B'dispijaċir il-Kunsill Lokali taż-Żejtun qed iħabbar li l-edizzjoni ta' din is-sena ta' Żejt iż-Żejtun se tkun qed tiġi mhassra, minhabba s-sitwazzjoni preżenti.

Din id-deċiżjoni ma kienetx faċli, iżda l-Kunsill b'mod unanimu ha din id-deċiżjoni, minhabba li sa issa għadhom ma jistgħux isiru attivitajiet tal-massa ta' dan id-daqs.

Minn hawn niringrazzjaw lill-għaqdiet, gruppi u individwi kollha li jagħtu s-sehem tagħhom biex attività ta' skala nazzjonali tkun tista' tittella' fuq livell professjonali, li ta' kull sena tiġbed lejha eluf ta' nies.

Ninsabu herqana biex nilqgħukom f'beltna għal edizzjoni oħra ta' Żejt iż-Żejtun f'Settembru tal-2021.

The Żejtun Local Council is announcing the cancellation of this year's edition of Żejt iż-Żejtun due to current situation. We look forward to welcoming you in our city for another Żejt iż-Żejtun edition in September 2021.



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THE VILLAGE OF BIDNIJA

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Bidnija: a small village, home of the best olive oil in Malta

Bidnija is the **second smallest village** in Malta, after Mdina, with only 308 inhabitants covering an area of 6.4 km². Bidnija is located in the central northern part of Malta between two valleys, 'Wied Tal-Pwales' and 'Wied Qannotta' and **surrounded by fields**. The majority of the inhabitants are farmers who own fields around the tiny village. The farmers have been building their own houses for years, which are inherited by their grandchildren.

The "Bidni" olive trees that are found in this village date back 5,000 years, giving the name Bidnija to the village which today has a protected status. These trees produce **good olive oil** till this day. Apart from the ancient olive groves there are also cart ruts in Bidnija showing that this village was active thousands of years ago.

Things to do and see

Bidnija Horse Riding Tours: These tours bring you to explore the unspoiled countryside in Malta on well trained horses, always accompanied by qualified instructors.

Clay Pigeon Shooting: This pastime is gaining popularity in Malta thanks to the much-welcomed new awareness against hunting.

Bidnija Church: Bidnija has one church that the residents built themselves. It was designed by master mason Salvu Zahra, with the foundation stone laid in 1920 and the construction finished two years later. The small village of Bidnija celebrates the festa dedicated to the Holy Family Feast with the procession, marches and fireworks, every third Sunday of July. This church is dedicated to the Holy Family of Nazareth and now serves the community in its religious needs. The titular painting is the work of Ganni Vella (1885-1977) and the titular statue of the Holy Family is the work of Wistin Camilleri (1885-1979).

His Excellency Dr. George Vella President of the Republic of Malta



Exposing children to books from a very young age is most important to nurture their inquisitive and creative skills. Thanks to the National Literacy Agency for their book donation to the Anton Buttigieg Library at San Anton Palace. I commend the excellent work being carried out by the Agency through its various literacy programmes, covering all ages including those of parents and guardians of very young children. I am glad that, notwithstanding the COVID-19 pandemic, the programmes are still running on social media and television.



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The High Commissioner for Australia in Malta H.E. Jennifer Cartmill visiting Imtarfa Military Cemetery with [Commonwealth War Graves Commission](#) and paying respects to the first Australian [ANZAC](#) buried in Malta.

A young Victorian farmer and renowned local football player, Private Thomas Beaudoin of the 14th Infantry Battalion, was evacuated from Gallipoli to Malta where he died of typhoid in 1915.



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Malta ratifies the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons

Minister for Foreign and European Affairs Evarist Bartolo signed the Instrument of Ratification for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (TPNW). The instrument was deposited on 21st September 2020 at the United Nations in New York by Ambassador Vanessa Frazier, Permanent Representative of Malta to the United Nations in New York, in a commemorative occasion during which the United Nations celebrated its 75th Anniversary and the International Day of Peace.

In so doing, Malta becomes one of the first 50 states to ratify the treaty which is the minimum number of signatures and ratifications required for the treaty to enter into force.

The ratification of the treaty also comes on a significant day for the Maltese nation as the 21st of September marks Malta's Independence Day.

This development follows rapidly on Malta's signing of the treaty on the 24th of August 2020, whereby Malta proudly became the 84th UN member state to sign the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. Amongst other things, the treaty has the ambition to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons which is also a guiding principle of Malta's foreign policy.

The ratification of this treaty stands in testimony to Malta's unwavering commitment to nuclear non-proliferation and global disarmament that remain crucial to securing a safer future for all and for future generations.



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