



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00682

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<b>Property Name</b>	Niche the Nativity of the Madonna		
<b>Address</b>	Mina ta' Sant' Anna		
<b>Town Name</b>	Isla	<b>Toponym</b>	-
		<b>Local Council</b>	Isla
<b>Property Owner</b>	Unknown	<b>Managing Body</b>	-
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	-		

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Modern: British (1800 - 1964)		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Artistic Historical Social	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	High
<b>Property Function</b>	Religious	<b>Conservation Area</b>	-

<b>Outline Description</b>	This brightly decorated niche is found in an open balcony on the inside of the old gate on entering Senglea.
<b>Property Description</b>	This gate was built by Grand Master Ramon Perellos Y Roccaful (1697-1720). It is made up of a holy picture of St Anne with Our Lady in her lap and there is also a small altar in front of this holy picture. His Ecc. The Rev. Mons. Fra Ferdinando Mattei Arch Bishop of Rhode and Bishop of Malta conceded an indulgence of 40 days to the faithful who recited a Hail Mary in front of this holy image of the birth of Our Lady every Virgin, on the 10th November 1810. The painting was blessed by the Arch Priest G.C. Burlo' DD on the feast day of St Anne in 1949 and replaced an old painting which was destroyed on the 2nd April 1942 following an aerial attack. That picture had an inscription VFGA Margerita Cauallero. Those who prayed in front of the old picture could benefit from an indulgence of 40 days as decreed by the Bishop F Mattei on the 10th November 1810 and a further indulgence of 100 days was decreed by the Archbishop M. Caruana on the 24th September 1915 to the faithful who recite the Hail Holy Queen in front of this holy image. In 2005 extensive restorations were carried out on Senglea's old gate and this niche too was restored and cleaned up.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	No	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	-	<b>G.N. No.</b>	-	<b>G.N. Date</b>	-
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	Terribile, T. (2000) <i>Nicec u statwi fit-toroq Maltin</i> : PIN Magion, F. (2010) <i>Holy Images found in the Streets of Senglea</i> : Parrocca ta' l-Isla: Parrocca ta' l-Isla
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Coordinates : Easting

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Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

