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SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

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| <b>Property Name</b>     | Parish Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus |                      |                              |
| <b>Address</b>           | 196, Triq tal-Ghajn                        |                      |                              |
| <b>Town Name</b>         | Fontana                                    | <b>Toponym</b>       | <b>Local Council</b> Fontana |
| <b>Property Owner</b>    | Religious                                  | <b>Managing Body</b> | Archdioceses                 |
| <b>Guardianship Deed</b> | No                                         |                      |                              |

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| <b>Period</b>                             | Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)        |                                                    |      |
| <b>Phase</b>                              | Early Modern: French (1798 - 1800)      |                                                    |      |
| <b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b> | Architectural<br>Artistic<br>Historical | <b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b> | High |
| <b>Property Function</b>                  | Religious                               | <b>Conservation Area</b>                           | no   |

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| <b>Outline Description</b>  | Parish Church of Fontana                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Property Description</b> | <p>The Fontana Parish Church is an example of Maltese Baroque architecture. The West façade is decorated with simple raised pillars. Upon facing the façade, one can observe that there is a great emphasis on the main entrance of the church. This is achieved by framing the door with Doric pilasters and receding pilasters as the eye moves outwards. This technique creates monumentality to the edifice. On each side of the entrance there are secondary doors; both decorated with plain moldings, a triangular pediment and a round window. Running along the façade there is a simple entablature. The distinction between the upper most tier and the lower tier of the façade is manifested with simple decoration on the lower tier, and somewhat more elaborated –most evident in the capitals- on the upper tier. Once again there is a plinth, a receding entablature on the upper most part and a triangular pediment directly above the main door. Also above the main entrance, inside a niche there is statue of Christ, to whom the church is dedicated to. In this tier, there are also sphere-like stone decoration and a huge bell cot towers in the middle of the facade.</p> |

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| <b>Scheduled by MEPA</b> | Yes | <b>Degree of Protection</b> | Grade 1 | <b>G.N. No.</b> | 782 | <b>G.N. Date</b> | 4078 |
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| <b>Recommended Bibliography</b> | <p>Anon., <i>Dwar il-Fontana, Fontana Local Council</i>, accessed 10 August 2012<br/>&lt;<a href="http://www.fontana.gov.mt/about_council_mt.asp">http://www.fontana.gov.mt/about_council_mt.asp</a>&gt;</p> |
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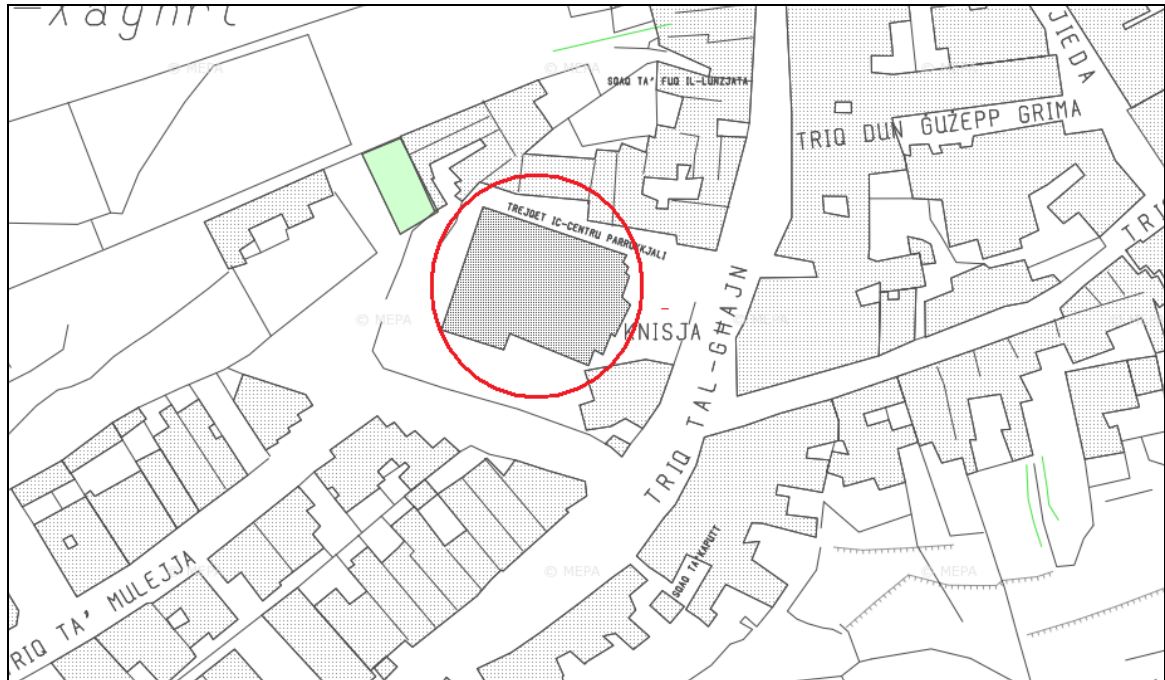
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### Property Plan



### Property Images

