



Property Name	Parish Church of the Assumption		
Address	Pjazza Santa Marija		
Town Name	Għaxaq	Toponym	Local Council Għaxaq
Property Owner	Archidiocese		
Guardianship Deed	Under consideration		

Period	
Phase	
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Architectural Artistic Historical
Property Function	Religious

Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment High

Conservation Area Yes

Outline Description From the year 1511 there had always been a church dedicated to the Assumption. In 1626, when the village became a parish, plans were drawn up to build a new church which was completed by 1655. In 1733, a new parish church, the one which exists today, started to be built. The church, which took between 20 to 30 years to be built, has its design attributed to Sebastiano Saliba.

Property Description The façade consists of three bays on two levels with the central bay separated from the others by two stepped Doric pilasters on either side. The church is elevated by a parvis, where the main portal extends from the wide stairway. The main portal consists of an ornate architrave, with a pediment above having a sculptured escutcheon in its centre. The façade is divided horizontally by continuous entablature and a large ornate window at the centre, topped with a shell motif on its keystone. The transept forms part of the elevation on either side, each consisting of two bays and levels. The inner bays on the lower level each have a smaller version of the main portal. The level above consists of a setback loggia type window. The outer bays are the bell towers which commence at ground level.

Scheduled by MEPA Yes **Degree of Protection** Grade 2 **G.N. No.** 782/11 **G.N. Date**

Recommended Bibliography

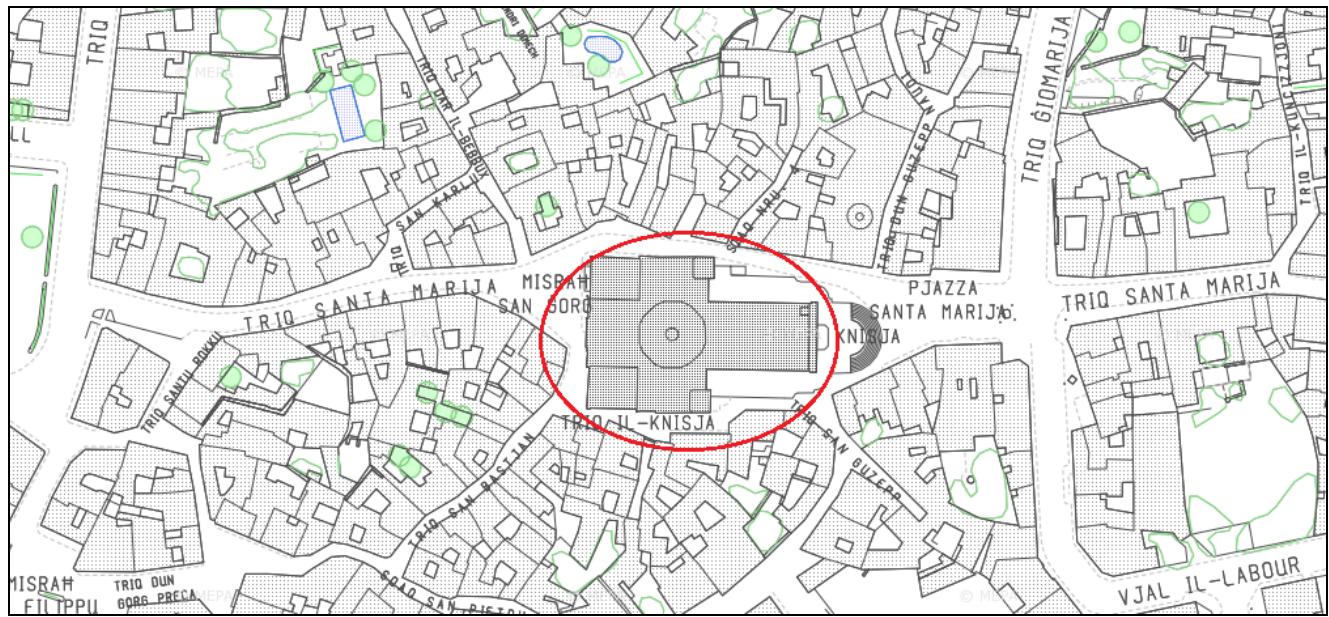
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Property Plan



Property Images

