

# Feast of Our Lady of Loreto

## Programme of Activities

August 2022

*Translation from the Official Maltese Programme  
by Ghajnsielem Local Council for the benefit of all non-Maltese residents  
and tourists who are planning to join for the week-long celebrations.*



### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August

#### Fifth day of the Novena

**6.00pm** - Recitation of the rosary, Salve Regina and Eucharistic celebration.

**7.00pm** – Solemn concelebration led by Dun Gabriel Vella with participation of children and parents. The children's choir 'Virgo' will animate

**7.30pm** – A demonstration with the Black Madonna will be held after the mass with participation of children

**8.45pm** – **Band March by Ghajnsielem's St Joseph starting from Garden Street and ending in the main square.**

**10.45pm** – **Titular statue taken out of its niche among the Marian hymns of the present crowd. Last feast collection.**

### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

#### Sixth day of the Novena

**9.00am** - Mass by Fr Michael Said for children.

**6.00pm** – Rosary, recitation of the chaplet and Sacramental Blessing

**6.30pm** – Solemn concelebration led by the Fr Anton Grech with the participation and animation of the local youths and families. Lauretana choir will animate. Presentation of Babies and Children to Our Lady of Loreto.

**9.30pm** – **The St Joseph Band will perform a musical program in front of the club's premises under the direction of Director Frankie Debono and Ass. Director Anthony Galea.**

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> August

#### First day of the Solemn Triduum

**9.00am** - Mass by Fr Michael Said for children.

**6.00pm** – Celebration of the Vespers led by Archpriest Can. Frankie Bajada and recitation of the chaplet.

**6.30pm** – Mass by Mons Renato Borg, Rector of Lourdes Chapel. Sermon delivered by Fr Roberto Gauci. Hymn, antiphon and Eucharistic benediction by Fr Alex Cauchi

**9.00pm** – Marian vigil of prayers in the church.

## Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August

### Second day of the Solemn Triduum

**9.00am** - Mass by Fr Michael Said for children.

**6.00pm** –Celebration of the Vespers led by Fr Samuel Grech and recitation of the chaplet.

**6.30pm** – Solemn concelebration led by Can. Joe Cardona with sermon delivered by Fr Roberto Gauci followed by Hymn, antiphon and Eucharistic benediction by Fr Samuel Grech.

**9.30pm** –Traditional Band March by St Joseph Band starting from Simirat Street and ending in the St Joseph Band Club premises. At 11.15pm, in Independence Square, the Statue of the Madonna of Loreto on Holy Home will be raised on a Pedestal followed by a video feature and synchronised fireworks display from rooftops.

**12.00am** – Ground fireworks and paper lightshow display in front of the main clubs organised by Sinfonia del Sole.

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## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August

### Third day of the Solemn Triduum

**9.00am** - Mass by Fr Michael Said for children.

**6.00pm** –Celebration of the Vespers led by Fr Joe Cardona and recitation of the chaplet.

**6.30pm** – Solemn concelebration led by P. Marcello Ghirlando ofm ofm. Sermon delivered by Fr Roberto Gauci. Hymn, Antiphon and Eucharistic benediction by Fr. Roberto Gauci

**9.30pm** – Grand demonstration with the statue of 'Our Lady of Home' starting from Mgarr Road ending in the main square. Ghajnsielem's St Joseph Band and Xewkija's Prekursur Band will take part.

**10.45pm** – A feature show made by the 'Għaqda Armar Ghajnsielem' will be displayed in the crossroad between Imgarr Road, Ghajnsielem Street and Cordina Street

**12.00am** – The statue will be elevated onto its pedestal in a unique way among the chanting of 'Ave Maria' and 'Viva x-Xemx' followed by synchronized music and fireworks display.

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## Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August

### Conclusion of the Solemn Triduum

**9.00am** - Pontifical concelebration presided by Archpriest Frankie Bajada. The Te Deum hymn concludes the solemn Triduum. Choir animated by Toni Galea.

**5.30pm** – Ghajnsielem's St Joseph Band plays marches from Cordina Street

**6.30pm** – The St Joseph Band and the members of the religious orders will then accompany the solemn procession of the Relic which departs from the Old Parish Church. The procession will be led by Archpriest Fr Frankie Bajada.

**7.00pm** – Celebration of the First Vespers of the Solemnity, presided by Archpriest Fr Frankie Bajada.

**8.00pm** – Mass.

**9.30pm** – Traditional "Marc ta' lejlet il-festa" starting from Hamri street and ending in the main square. Band marches performed by Ghajnsielem's St Joseph Band and Sannat's Santa Margerita band.

**12.00am** – Sinfonia Del Sole: Second edition of the 'Torre di Fuoco' with a synchronized fireworks display in front of the main clubs.

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**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August**

## **Feast of Our Lady of Loreto**

*Mass at 7.00am, 8.00am*

**9.00am** - Pontifical Eucharistic Concelebration of the Solemnity presided by the Gozo Bishop, Anthon Teuma.

*Mass continues at 11.00am, 5.00pm*

**6.30pm** – Solemn Vespers led by Mons. Ġużeppi Atarrrd

**6.30pm** – The St Joseph Band Club will play marches from its club’s premises finishing in the main square.

**7.30pm** – Appearance of the statue of ‘Our Lady of Loreto’. A Pontifical Procession will then start along the main streets. The St Joseph Band proudly accompanies the procession with the performance of religious hymns.

**8.15pm** – Victoria’s Leone Band will perform a musical program in the main square.

**10.25pm** – The procession arrives in the main square ending with a triumphal entrance of the statue and fireworks display. Arcpriest Can. Frankie Bajada will then execute the popular antiphon and Eucharistic celebration.

