



The Christmas spirit in Għajnsielem
2023

Għajnsielem fl-ispirtu tal-Millied!

GĦAJNSIELEM: ID-DESTINAZZJONI TAL-MILIED



Matul l-aħħar ġimgħat, il-Kunsill Lokali Għajnsielem ħadem bis-sħiħ sabiex għal darb'ohra noffrulkom atmosfera magħika il-Milied. Minkejja l-isfidi finanzjarji u xogħol kbir ta' preparazzjoni, Bethlehem f'Għajnsielem se jerga' jkun l-attrazzjoni prinċipali u flimkien mas-Sigra tal-Milied se jattiraw eluf kbar lejn il-lokalità tagħna. It-toroq u pjazez għal darb'ohra se jkunu mżejnin b'dawl u kuluri natalizji. Din is-sena se jkollna aktar tiżjin u xena artistika mill-isbaħ tan-Natività quddiem il-Knisja ta' Sant Antnin.

F'dan il-fuljett wieħed jista japprezza n-numru kbir ta' attivitajiet li għandna! L-anzjani, il-familji u t-tfal jibqgħu fiċ-ċentru. Nieħdu pjaċir narawkom tingħaqdu magħna u tieħdu sehem f'dawn l-attivitajiet! Prosit kbira tmur ukoll għal 'Ghimmanu-El Għaqda Presepisti Għajnsielem' li se tkun qed tagħmilna unur permezz ta' wirja f'Ruma u ohra f'Għajnsielem. Tassew Għajnsielem tagħna huwa destinazzjoni unika tal-Milied! Grazzi kbira tmur għal kull min b'xi mod jew ieħor ta s-sehem tiegħu fosthom diversi voluntiera u għaqdiet kif ukoll lil Gvern ċentrali għal għajjnuna finanzjarja. F'isem sħabi nawgura Milied ħieni u Sena Ġdida mimlija b'dak kollu li tixtieq qalbkom!

Kevin Cauchi
Sindku



MINISTRY FOR GOZO
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GĦAJNSIELEM: YOUR CHRISTMAS DESTINATION



During the last few weeks, our Local Council worked hard to offer you a magical atmosphere for Christmas. Despite the financial challenges and huge preparatory work, Bethlehem f'Għajnsielem and the Christmas Tree will once again be the main attraction. Our streets and squares will once again be decorated with lights and colours in order to create a festive atmosphere. This year we will add more decorations including a wonderful artistic Nativity scene in front of St Anthony's Church.

In this leaflet, you can appreciate the large number of activities that will be held. Our elderly, families and children remain at the centre of our celebrations. We hope to see you joining us in these fantastic events! Compliments go to 'Ghimmanu-El - Għaqda Presepisti Għajnsielem' which will be opening a Crib exhibition in Rome and another in Għajnsielem. All these reaffirm Għajnsielem as a unique Christmas destination! A big thank you goes to all volunteers and organisations who gave their part and central Government for financial assistance. We wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best for the new year!

Kevin Cauchi
Mayor



GĦAJNSIELEM
LOCAL COUNCIL



The Gozo Regional Orchestra
in full collaboration with the Għajnsielem Local Council
proudly presents

Michel Angelo & FRIENDS

A TASTE FOR CHRISTMAS

6th Edition

Featuring
Tenor Michel Angelo Muscat

Guest Singers:
Soprano - Olga Agafonova
Soprano - Katrina Mifsud

Special Guest: Harpist Jacob Portelli

**St. Anthony of Padua Church,
Għajnsielem, Gozo**
Wednesday, 27th December 2023
7.00pm

Donations in aid of Fondazzjoni Sebbi will be collected during the concert

Virgo Choir
and
Chorus Urbanus
Junior Choir

Presents

Sounds of the Season Christmas Concert

**26th
DEC
2023**

6PM

Għajnsielem Old Parish Church
*A Celebration of Christmas Carols
under the direction of Ms Maureen Zerafa*

Christ is born!

GHIMMANU-EL GHAQDA PRESEPISTI GHAJNSIELEM

Il-Presepu Malti - Arti, Fidi u Tradizzjoni

Sala Istitut ta' San Guzepp (Mgarr Road)

An exhibition of artistic cribs, dioramas, and nativity figurines which was held in Bergamo, Italy in 2022 in collaboration with the Italian Association Friends of the Crib - Ponte San Pietro Section.

Il-Presepu – Ikona tal-Inkarnazzjoni

Beneath Our Lady of Loreto Church

An exhibition of artistic cribs, Spanish and Italian dioramas, and nativity figurines

Monday to Saturday 5:30pm – 8:30pm
Sunday & Public Holidays:
10:00am – 12:00pm and 5:00pm – 9:00pm

CHRISTMAS RACE DAY

16.12.23

RUST **GOODCLEANFUN**

GHAJNSIELEM PUMP TRACK

TRACK PRACTICE: 10AM – RACES START AT 10:30AM
RACES ARE OPEN TO RIDERS AGED 4+

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Competition

CATEGORIES

- A) Best Decorated Facade
- B) Most Beautiful Christmas Tree
- C) Most Artistic Large Crib (more than 1.5cubic meter)
- D) Most Artistic Small Crib (less than 1.5cubic meter)

Applications can be collected from Local Council Office and submitted by not later than Tuesday 19th December. For more info call 21561515

GHAJNSIELEM 2023 CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

FRIDAY
8TH DECEMBER

MIXGHELA TAD-DWAL TAL-MILIED F'GHAJNSIELEM

SWITCH-ON OF THE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN GHAJNSIELEM

🕒 6.00PM 📍 GHAJNSIELEM MAIN STREETS AND SQUARES

HARĠA SUQ TAL-MILIED 'NATALIS NOTABILIS'

OUTING TO 'NATALIS NOTABILIS' CHRISTMAS MARKET

🕒 3.00PM 📍 RABAT (MALTA)

Organized by the Għaqda tan-Nar 10 ta' Diċembru. For tickets call 79486630

SATURDAY
9TH DECEMBER

RADJU LAURETANA CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

🕒 8.00AM 📻 89.3FM 🌐 www.radjulauretana.com

Our community radio will be back on air with a month-long Christmas schedule!

IKLA TAL-MILIED CHRISTMAS DINNER

🕒 7.00PM 📍 GHAJNSIELEM PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Għaqda Piroteknika 10 ta' Diċembru and Sinfonia del Sol will organise a fundraising Christmas dinner in aid for the 2024 Titular Feast.

📞 For tickets call: 99021600, 99270315 or 79562163

SUNDAY
10TH DECEMBER

FESTA LITURĠIKA MADONNA TA' LORETO | JUM GHAJNSIELEM

🕒 10.00AM 📍 GHAJNSIELEM PARISH CHURCH

Għajnsielem celebrates the liturgical feast day of Our Lady of Loreto with a liturgical mass. This is also the day dedicated to our locality.

MIXGHELA TAS-SIĠRA TAL-MILIED

INAUGURATION OF THE GHAJNSIELEM CHRISTMAS TREE

🕒 6.45PM 📍 GHAJNSIELEM CENTRE

Join us for the inaguration of this 65 foot tall Christmas tree uniquely decorated with 4500 bottles. Christmas carols by the Joygivers. No booking required.

**TUESDAY
12TH DECEMBER**

PREMJU ĠIEH GHAJNSIELEM

🕒 7.30PM 📍 ST JOSEPH BAND CLUB

This year's winner of the 'Ġieħ Għajnsielem' award is PAUL A. STELLINI.

**FRIDAY
15TH DECEMBER**

NOVENA TAL-MILIED

🕒 6.00PM 📍 GHAJNSIELEM PARISH CHURCH & ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

**SATURDAY
16TH DECEMBER**

CHRISTMAS BMX RACE DAY


BICYCLE COMPETITION

🕒 10.30AM 📍 GHAJNSIELEM PUMP TRACK

FTUH TA' BETHLEHEM F'GHAJNSIELEM

INAUGURATION OF BETHLEHEM F'GHAJNSIELEM NATIVITY VILLAGE

🕒 3.00PM 📍 TA' PASSI FIELDS

The thirteenth edition of this event continues to strengthen the reproduction of the greatest story ever told. Opening ceremony will be aired live on TVM2. 

**MONDAY
18TH DECEMBER**

ATTIVITA' TAL-MILIED GHALL-ANZJANI OUTING FOR THE ELDERLY

🕒 8.30AM 📍 BUS DEPARTS FROM GHAJNSIELEM LOCAL COUNCIL

Mass, tombola and buffet lunch at Cornecopia! [Booking 21561515](#). Price: €20

**WEDNESDAY
20TH DECEMBER**

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CELEBRATION DAY

🕒 10.00AM 📍 GHAJNSIELEM PRIMARY SCHOOL
Christmas concert and celebration day for our young students and parents

IKLA TAL-MILIED CHRISTMAS DINNER BY ST JOSEPH BAND

🕒 7.00PM 📍 ST JOSEPH BAND CLUB For tickets call 99229399 or committee

**THURSDAY
21ST DECEMBER**

IKLA TAL-MILIED CHRISTMAS DINNER BY FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY

🕒 7.00PM 📍 FERDIE'S RESTURANT For tickets call: 79593245

**FRIDAY
22ND DECEMBER**

SANTA MADWAR GHAJNSIELEM

SANTA COMES TO TOWN!

🕒 4.30PM 📍 AROUND MAIN STREETS OF GHAJNSIELEM

Father Christmas will visit different zones around Ghajnsielem. A schedule will be published on our facebook page before the event. No booking required.

**SATURDAY
23RD DECEMBER**

PARTY TAL-MILIED GHAT-TFAL

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

🕒 10.00AM 📍 SANTA'S VILLAGE (IN FRONT OF LOCAL COUNCIL'S PREMISES)

☎ For children 3-12 years. Please book by Thursday 21st, noon, by calling 21561515.

SANTA TAHT IS-SIGRA TAL-MILIED

MEET SANTA UNDER THE CHRISTMAS TREE!

🕒 5.00PM 📍 MAIN SQUARE

Father Christmas will greet visitors in his home underneath the Christmas tree!

**SUNDAY
24TH DECEMBER**

SANTA FID-DAR TIEGHEK!

🕒 3.30PM 📍 PRE-BOOKED RESIDENCES

Father Christmas will personally distribute the children's gifts. Event will start from 3.30pm onwards against a donation of €10 in aid of Community Chest Fund.

PURÇISSJONI TAL-BAMBIN

🕒 4.30PM 📍 BOYS DOCTRINE MUSEUM TO ARCHPARISH CHURCH

The traditional procession accompanied by the St Joseph Band. Concert will follow.

QUDDIESA TAL-LEJL TAL-MILIED

🕒 11.00PM 📍 GHAJNSIELEM PARISH CHURCH & ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

A traditional midnight celebration of mass with Christmas readings and singing.

**MONDAY
25TH DECEMBER**

JUM IL-MILIED - MILIED SOLIDALI

📞 Free meal to all elderly who live on their own. To book call 21561515.

**TUESDAY
26TH DECEMBER**

SOUND OF THE SEASON CHRISTMAS CONCERT

🕒 6.00PM 📍 OLD PARISH CHURCH - VIRGO & CHORUS URBANUS JUNIOR CHOIR

**WEDNESDAY
27TH DECEMBER**

A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS - MICHELANGELO & FRIENDS CONCERT

🕒 7.00PM 📍 ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

**FRIDAY
29TH DECEMBER**

LOGHOB TRADIZZJONALI TAT-TFAL - CHILDREN'S SPORTSDAY

🕒 9.30AM 📍 GHAJNSIELEM FOOTBALL GROUND 📞 To book 21561515 (Age 4-14)

IKLA TAL-MILIED CHRISTMAS DINNER BY GHAJNSIELEM FC

🕒 7.00PM 📍 GRAND HOTEL For tickets call: 79537944

Bejn il-Milied u l-ewwel tas-sena se nkunu wkoll qed nżuru l-anzjani u morda li jgħixu wehedom

Bethlehem fGhajnsielem 2023



DECEMBER 2023

Saturday 16th	3.00pm - 7.00pm	Monday 25th	4.00pm - 7.00pm
Sunday 17th	3.00pm - 7.00pm	Tuesday 26th	2.30pm - 7.00pm
Tuesday 19th	9.30am - 12.00pm	Wednesday 27th	4.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday 23rd	4.00pm - 7.30pm	Saturday 30th	4.00pm - 7.00pm
Sunday 24th	1.00pm - 4.00pm		

JANUARY 2024

Monday 1st	3.00pm - 7.00pm	Sunday 7th	2.30pm - 7.00pm
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Tue 19th: School Students' Edition | Sun 24th: Special Children's Edition | Sun 7th: Adoration of the Magi

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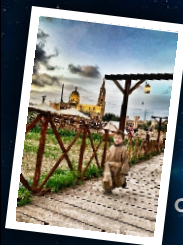
Christmas Tree

European Best
Destinations
GHAJNSIELEM
MOST BEAUTIFUL
CHRISTMAS TREES
IN EUROPE

65 FEET TALL
4950 GLASS BOTTLES
AND **MORE** ADDITIONS THIS YEAR!

INAUGURATION:
10TH DECEMBER AT 6.45PM

YOU ARE WELCOME
TO JOIN FOR A BEAUTIFUL
FESTIVE EVENING!



Bethlehem fGhajnsielem 2023

Children's edition

Sunday, 24th December from 1pm to 4pm

Children are welcome to come dressed in period costume
such as shepherds, Angels etc. and be part of animation!

**SANTA
MAIL**



WRITE A LETTER TO **SANTA**

and post it at Santa's Letterbox in front
of the Ghajnsielem Local Council Office
by not later than 20th December, 2023
Don't forget your return address!

