The Christmas spirit in Għajnsielem 2025

Għajnsielem fl-Ispirtu tal-Milied!

IL-MAĠIJA TAL-MILIED F'GĦAJNSIELEM

Wara tlett xhur ta' preperazzjoni, Għajnsielem lest sabiex għal darb'oħra jkun destinazzjoni unika tal-Milied. Il-Kunsill bl-għajnuna tal-għaqdiet tar-raħal u diversi voluntiera se jkun qed joffri xahar sħiħ ippakkjat b'attivitajiet għal kull eta' fejn it-tfal jibqgħu fil-qofol taċ-ċelebrazzjonijiet. Kemm hu sabiħ tara lil Għajnsielem jilbes il-libsa tal-Milied u jkun imżejjen b'dawl, mużika u kuluri natalizji li flimkien joħolqu dik l-atmosfera maġika. L-attrazzjonijiet prinċipali jibqgħu 'Bethlehem f'Għajnsielem' u s-Siġra tal-Milied li flimkien jattiraw eluf lejn il-lokalità tagħna. L-Għaqda 'Għimmanu-El' matul is-sena organizzat diversi korsijiet fuq l-arti tal-Presepju u se tkun qed tonorana permezz ta' wirja fi Spanja u tnejn f'Għajnsielem.

Naturalment, dan kollu ma jistax jsir mingħajr l-għajnuna finanzjarja tal-Gvern Ċentrali fosthom: il-Ministeru għal Għawdex u l-Ippjanar, Direttorat tal-Kultura, Dipartiment tal-Gvern Lokali u l-MTA flimkien mal-għajnuna ta' diversi għaqdiet u voluntiera. Minkejja l-ħafna xogħol involut anke mill-uffiċċju tal-Kunsill is-sodisfazzjon tagħna hu li narawkom tingħaqdu u tieħdu pjaċir magħna f'dawn l-attivitajiet!

F'isem sħabi nawgura Milied hieni u Sena Ġdida mimlija b'dak kollu li tixtieq qalbkom!

Kevin Cauchi

Sindku

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS IN GĦAJNSIELEM

After three months of preparation, Għajnsielem is once again ready to be a unique Christmas destination. Our Council, with the help of the NGO's and various volunteers will be offering a full month of activities aimed at all ages but particularly for our children which remain at the heart of these celebrations. It's beautiful to see our village being adorned with lights, music, and festive colours that together create a magical atmosphere. The main attractions remain 'Bethlehem f'Għajnsielem' and the Christmas Tree which together attract thousands to our locality. 'Għimmanu-El' has offered several courses on the art of the Nativity Crib throughout the year and will be honouring us with an exhibition in Spain and two in Għajnsielem.

All of this cannot be done without the financial help of the Government of Malta, including the Ministry for Gozo and Planning, the Cultural Directorate, Local Government Department, and the MTA, along with the help of various organizations and volunteers. Despite all the work involved, all we ask in return is to join us and enjoy yourselves !

On behalf of my colleagues, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a New Year full of everything your heart desires!

Kevin Cauchi

Mayor

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THURSDAY, 4TH DECEMBER

MIXGĦELA TAD-DWAL TAL-MILIED F'GĦAJNSIELEM

Switch-on of the Christmas lights in Għajnsielem

FRIDAY, 5TH DECEMBER

TOMBLA MILL-GĦAQDA ARMAR

Tombola from feast decoration group

7.00PM SALA TA' TAĦT IL-KNISJA ☎ BOOKING 99591090 / 99290793

HIGH TEA U TOMBLA TAL-MILIED MILL-KOMUNITA' FRANĠISKANA

Traditional Maltese tombola from Franciscan Community

7.00PM ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CENTRE ☎ BOOKING 79593245 / 99448921

SATURDAY, 6TH DECEMBER

IKLA TAL-FESTA MINN SINFONIA DEL SOLE U GĦAQDA TAN-NAR 10 TA' DIĊEMBRU

A fundraising Christmas dinner in aid of the titular feast

7.30PM SALA ĊENTRU PARROKKJALI ☎ BOOKING 99021600 / 79486630 / 99270315

SATURDAY, 6TH AND SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER

WIRJA TA' MUDELLI

Scale models exhibition

8.00AM - 9.00PM ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CENTRE

MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER

ĊELEBRAZZJONI ANIMATA GĦAT-TFAL U ADOLOXXENTI
ĦRUĠ TAL-ISTATWA TA' OMMNA MARIA LAWRETANA MIN-NIĊĊA

Animated mass for children and adolescent. statue of our Lady of Loreto taken out of its niche

9.00AM GĦAJNSIELEM PARISH CHURCH

MONDAY, 8TH DECEMBER

COFFEE MORNING MILL-KOMMUNITA FRANĠISKANA

9.00AM ST ANTHONY'S PARISH CENTRE

TUESDAY, 9TH DECEMBER

VELJA GĦAD-DAWL TAX-XEMGĦA ANIMATA GĦAŻ-ŻGĦAŻAGĦ

Animated candlelight vigil for youth

8.30PM OLD PARISH CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, 10TH DECEMBER

FESTA LITURĠIKA TAL-MADONNA TA' LORETO | JUM GĦAJNSIELEM

Għajnsielem celebrates liturgical feast of Our Lady of Loreto with mass. Day dedicated to our locality.

6.00PM GĦAJNSIELEM PARISH CHURCH

MIXGĦELA TAS-SIĠRA TAL-MILIED

Inauguration of 65 foot tall Christmas tree uniquely decorated with 4950 glass bottles.

8.00PM OUR LADY OF LORETO SQUARE

FRIDAY, 12TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

5.00PM ĊENTRU PARROKJALI ☎ BOOKING SINFONIA DEL SOLE FACEBOOK PAGE

PREMJU ĠIEĦ GĦAJNSIELEM

This year's winner of the' Ġieħ Għajnsielem' award is ARCHPRIEST EMERITUS MG FRANKIE BAJADA

7.30PM ST JOSEPH BAND CLUB

SATURDAY, 13TH DECEMBER

QUDDIESA SOLENNI - BIDU TAL-MINISTERU PASTORALI TA' DUN JOSEPH HILI BĦALA ARĊIPRIET

Solemn mass for the start of the pastoral ministry of Fr. Joseph Hili as Archpriest of Għajnsielem parish

5.30PM GĦAJNSIELEM PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY, 14TH DECEMBER

FTUĦ TA' BETHLEHEM F'GĦAJNSIELEM

Inauguration of Bethlehem f'Għajnsielem nativity village

2.30PM — TA' PASSI FIELDS

MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER

ATTIVITA' TAL-MILIED GĦALL-ANZJANI

Outing for the Elderly

8.00AM — HOTEL CORNUCOPIA — BOOKING 21561515

NOVENA TAL-MILIED

Christmas Novena starts

6.00PM — GĦAJNSIELEM PARISH CHURCH & ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

FRIDAY, 19TH DECEMBER

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT AND CELEBRATION DAY

Christmas concert and celebration day for our young students and their parents

10.00AM — GĦAJNSIELEM PRIMARY SCHOOL

IKLA TAL-MILIED - BANDA SAN ĠUŻEPP

Christmas dinner by St Joseph Band Club

7.30PM — GRAND HOTEL — BOOKING 99527163 / 99229399

IKLA TAL-MILIED - KOMMUNITA FRANĠISKANA

Christmas dinner by Franciscan community

7.45PM — LANTERN RESTAURANT MARSALFORN — BOOKING 79448921 / 79593245

SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS BMX RACE DAY

10.30AM — GĦAJNSIELEM PUMP TRACK

SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER

SEASONAL SOUNDS - 3RD EDITION

St Joseph Band Musical Students will play Christmas carols in the Nativity village. No booking required.

5.30PM BETHLEHEM F'GĦAJNSIELEM

SUNDAY, 21ST DECEMBER

SANTA JŻUR IS-SIĠRA TAL-MILIED

Father Christmas visits the Għajnsielem Christmas Tree... with a twist!

4.00PM OUR LADY OF LORETO SQUARE

TUESDAY, 23RD DECEMBER

PARTY TAL-MILIED GĦAT-TFAL

Children's Christmas Party. For children 3-12 years. Please book by Saturday 20th, noon.

10.00AM SANTA'S VILLAGE (IN FRONT OF LOCAL COUNCIL) BOOKING 21561515

WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER

SANTA FID-DAR TIEGĦEK!

Father Christmas distributes the children's gifts. Event will be early afternoon against a donation of €10.

1.00PM PREBOOKED RESIDENCES BOOKING 21561515

PURĊISSJONI TAL-BAMBIN

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

5.00PM BOYS DOCTRINE MUSEUM TO PARISH CHURCH

QUDDIESA TAL-LEJL TAL-MILIED

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

11.30PM GĦAJNSIELEM PARISH CHURCH & ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

THURSDAY, 25TH DECEMBER

IL-MILIED - CHRISTMAS DAY

FRIDAY, 26TH DECEMBER

SOUNDS OF THE SEASON CHRISTMAS CONCERT BY VIRGO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Featuring Soprano Jael Said, Violinist Nicole Portelli and Pianist Shaun Portelli

5.00PM — OLD PARISH CHURCH

SATURDAY, 27TH DECEMBER

IKLA TAL-MILIED - GĦAJNSIELEM F.C.

Christmas dinner by Għajnsielem Football Club

7.30PM — GRAND HOTEL

☎ BOOKING 79930512 / 99537944 / 99880879

SUNDAY, 28TH DECEMBER

BONĠU MALTA - LIVE ON TVM

With Gordon and Angie transmitting live from the piazza. Mass by Bishop Anton Teuma at 9.30am

8.15AM — LADY OF LORETO SQUARE

PARTY TAL-MILIED GĦAT-TFAL

Children's Christmas Party by the Għajnsielem Parish

10.30AM — SALA TAĦT IL-KNISJA

IKLA TAL-MILIED - PARROĊĊA GĦAJNSIELEM

Christmas lunch by Għajnsielem Parish Church

12.30PM — GRAND HOTEL

☎ BOOKING 99476959 / ghajnsielemparish@churchingozo.mt

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Wirja 1

14 ta' Diċembru 2025 sal-Ġimgħa 9 ta' Jannar 2026

Infans Deus – It-Tarbija Divina

Post : Sala taħt il-Knisja l-Ġdida t'Għajnsielem.

Wirja ta' Bambini artistiċi maħduma minn artisti lokali u barranin

Wirja 2

14 ta' Diċembru 2025 sal-Ġimgħa 9 ta' Jannar 2026

"Maxtura vojta - fil-Qalb tal-ħerba titwieled Tama"

Post : Sala taħt il-Knisja l-Ġdida t'Għajnsielem.

Presepju b'differenza maħdum minn Paul Stellini li jirrifletti art ta' ġebel miksur u dawl li jnemnem. Ma jidhru l-ebda xbiehat - jinħass biss skiet li jġorr wegħda li anke fejn hemm il-biki, fil-għodu hemm tama li tqum.

Wirja 3

14 ta' Diċembru 2025 sal-Ġimgħa 9 ta' Jannar 2026

Is-Seħer tal-Presepju

Post : Sala Każin tal-Banda San Ġużepp,Għajnsielem.

Wirja ta' presepji u dijorami li nħaddmu waqt korsijiet prattiċi li l-Għaqda ittella' ta' kull sena dwar it-teknika tal-bini tal-presepju u fl-Ewwel Konvenju Nazzjonali tal-Presepju li nżamm f'Settembru 2025 flimkien ma' pasturi artistiċi

GĦIMMANU-EL

GĦAQDA PRESEPISTI GĦAJNSIELEM GĦAWDEX MALTA

WIRJIET2025

Ħinijiet tal-Ftuħ

Mit-Tnejn sas-Sibt
5.30pm - 8.30pm

Ħdud u Festi
10.00am - 12.00pm
4.30pm -9.30pm

Dawn il-Wirjiet qed jiġu organizzati bis-sapport tal-

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Bethlehem f'Għajnsielem 2025

December 2025:

Sunday 14th	*2.30 – 7.00pm*	**Thursday 25th**	*4.00 – 7.00pm*
Wednesday 17th	*9.30am – 12.00pm **	**Friday 26th**	*2.30 – 7.00pm*
Saturday 20th	*4.00 – 7.30pm*	**Saturday 27th**	*4.00 – 7.30pm*
Sunday 21st	*3.00 – 7.00pm*	**Sunday 28th**	*3.00 – 7.00pm*

January 2026:

Thursday 1st	*3.00 – 7.00pm*
Friday 2nd	*3.00 – 7.00pm*
Sunday 4th	*2.00 – 7.00pm ***

** school students edition   ** Adoration of the Magi*

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THE GĦAJNSIELEM Christmas Tree

European Best Destinations
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MOST BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREES IN EUROPE

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

INAUGURATION:
10TH DECEMBER AT 8.00PM

Bethlehem f'Għajnsielem 2025

Adoration of the Magi

Sunday, 4th January 2026

On the Feast of Epifhany the THREE KINGS will depart from a village in Malta before crossing the ferry and make the triumpahal entrance in the Nativity Village late in the afternoon to pay homage to the Baby Jesus. Follow 'Bethlehem f'Ghajnsielem' facebook page for more details

WRITE A LETTER TO SANTA

and post it at Santa's Letterbox in front of the Għajnsielem Local Council Office by not later than 20th December, 2025

Don't forget your return address!