



SOVRINTENDENZA  
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI  
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

# National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00231

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<b>Property Name</b>	Niche of the Holy Family		
<b>Address</b>	34/35, Triq San Giljan		
<b>Town Name</b>	Birkirkara	<b>Toponym</b>	-
		<b>Local Council</b>	Birkirkara
<b>Property Owner</b>	Private	<b>Managing Body</b>	-
<b>Guardianship Deed</b>	-		

<b>Period</b>	Modern (16th to 20th Century AD)		
<b>Phase</b>	Unknown		
<b>Cultural Heritage Type &amp; Value</b>	Artistic Historical Social	<b>Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment</b>	High
<b>Property Function</b>	Religious	<b>Conservation Area</b>	-

<b>Outline Description</b>	Niche of the Holy Family
<b>Property Description</b>	Niche and statue of the Holy Family which is painted. It shows St Joseph and the Madonna, in front of whom is a Child Jesus with open arms. The statue is inserted into a square niche which is closed by an iron window with transparent glass in the centre and blue glass on the top and bottom of the window frame. Above the niche is a relief of a dove symbolising the Holy Spirit with light rays radiating from it. This relief is painted in white.

<b>Scheduled by MEPA</b>	No	<b>Degree of Protection</b>	-	<b>G.N. No.</b>	-	<b>G.N. Date</b>	-
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<b>Recommended Bibliography</b>	Terribile, T., (2000), <i>Nices u Statwi fit-Toroq Maltin</i> , Malta, Publikazzjoni Indipendenza.
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