



SOVRINTENDENZA
TAL-PATRIMONJU KULTURALI
SUPERINTENDENCE OF CULTURAL HERITAGE

National Inventory of the Cultural Property of the Maltese Islands

NICPMI Inv. No. 00283

Date of Publication 27 August 2012

Property Name	Cross		
Address	Triq San Giljan		
Town Name	Birkirkara	Toponym	-
		Local Council	Birkirkara
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	-
Guardianship Deed	-		

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

Outline Description	Cross
Property Description	<p>Cross standing on a column and a circular stepped base. It was used to mark the boundary of Church property or to mark the location of a ruined chapel. It was also known as "Salib tad-Dejma" since it was used as a meeting point for members of the Maltese militia ("dejma") when a corsair attack was underway or imminent to await instructions. This particular cross is associated with the saying "Rajt ma rajtx, smajtx ma smajtx", which reminds of a popular story of an innocent man who inadvertently helped the murderer stalk his quarry.</p>

Scheduled by MEPA	No	Degree of Protection	-	G.N. No.	-	G.N. Date	-
--------------------------	----	-----------------------------	---	-----------------	---	------------------	---

Recommended Bibliography	<p>Anon, accessed 2 August 2012, <http://kappellimaltin.com/html/glossarju.html></p> <p>Galea, P.M., 'Maltese Village Landmarks: The stone cross of the Church', <i>Heritage</i> No 89: 1766-1767.</p>
---------------------------------	--

Coordinates : Easting

52481

73460

Northing : Coordinates

Property Plan



Property Images

