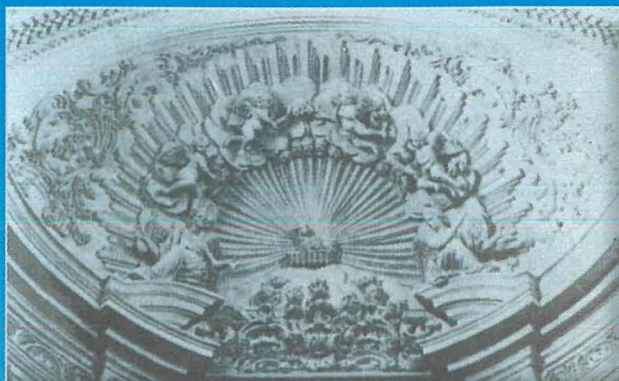


## Museum of Sculpture



The stone sculpture of the old Church built in 1665, was dismantled and rebuilt in its original setting.

### Spots of Interest. . .

- The old Baptismal Font.
- The 17 th Century Marble Altar.
- The Main Altar carved in Carrara Marble.
- The artistic Chapels carved in Gozo stone and designed by Mr. Guze Galea, of Rabat, Malta.
- The famous statue of St John the Baptist carved out of wood in 1845, by the Maltese artist, Paul Azzopardi.
- The Six Artistic Paintings by Chev. Paul Camilleri Cauchi.
- The Marble Floor (made of Carrara marble) by A.F. Ellis, Gozo.

*The work you see in this church, has been constructed by men; it is the finishing product of the human hand. Yet the real church, in it's most profound reality is you and me.*

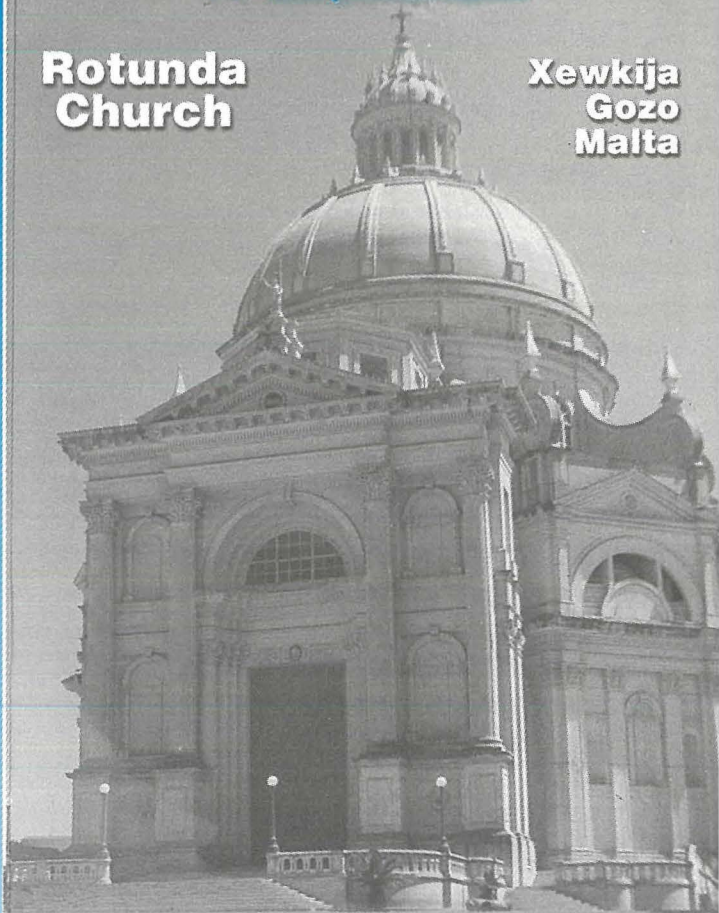
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**THANK YOU**  
for your kind offer

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**Rotunda  
Church**

**Xewkija  
Gozo  
Malta**



## The Rotunda Church

### An Architectural Masterpiece

The church has been under construction from the 19th of November 1951 until the 24th of June 1971.

Architect: Mr. Joseph D'Amato P.E.P.  
Chief Mason : Mr. Joe Vella  
Priest i/c : Fr. Joseph Grech

The type of stone used is Limestone, which is very soft and excellent for carvings.

#### DIMENSIONS:

Lenght : 64 mtrs.      Height of Dome: 75 mtrs.  
Width : 43 mtrs.      Circumference of Dome : 85 mtrs.



# 1951

## The Whole Village at Work

Those who were able to erect such a building in honour of God, did so from the depth of their convictions. They themselves, must have been strong, self confident, and at the same time pious people.

*(People carrying stones for the foundation of the new church)*

## How it all started

The old church was too small to serve the needs of the community, so the necessity to build a new one was urgently felt.

The work of the foundations began on November 19, 1951. The people responded with the greatest generosity and enthusiasm. Thanks to their great love, the building kept on going.

## How it all ended

After 20 years of hard and sometimes dangerous work, the dome was completed, and on June 24, 1971, a huge cross was placed on top of the majestic dome.

The consecration of the church was performed by H.L. Mgr. Nicholas G. Cauchi, Bishop of Gozo on June 17, 1978. It coincided with the 300th Anniversary of the elevation of Xewkija as a Parish in 1678.

# 1954

## A Church within a Church

The new church was built on the same site of the old one. *(A church within a church).*

Eight ferroconcrete pillars covered with limestone are supporting the DOME, weighing 45,000 tons.

