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ADORATION OF THE MAGI

Minister for Gozo Dr. Anton Refalo, in the presence of the mayor of Għajnsielem, Francis Cauchi, launched the 'Adoration of the Magi' event where the Three Kings on Sunday will travel from Mellieħa before making a triumphant entrance to Bethlehem f'Għajnsielem. The Three Kings will arrive by an Air Malta flight from Rome on Saturday.

The Maltese Contingent will fly to Rome on Thursday morning 2nd January 2014.

Between Thursday and Friday there will be a programme organised by the Tolfa Local Council, which will include visits to senior citizens in the local community and a public activity during which the three Kings will start this unique voyage with the Maltese Islands being their final destination.

In Tolfa, the Contingent will be welcomed by Mayor Luigi Landi where both sides will hold talks to further enhance and promote co-operation between the Għajnsielem and Tolfa Local Councils.

Furthermore, other meetings will be held with all stakeholders concerned where Minister for Gozo Anton Refalo will explain the potential of the Maltese Islands with regards to religious tourism.

The Contingent will make a short stop at Vatican Square, where an Official of the Holy See will welcome the delegation. Letters written by children and other citizens of Għajnsielem will be delivered to be forwarded to His Holiness Pope Francis. The letter writing was the initiative by Radio Lauretana, the radio station of Parish Church Madonna of Loreto in Għajnsielem.

On Saturday morning, the Three Kings will leave Fiumicino Airport en route to Malta on board an Air Malta flight. Upon arrival in the Maltese Islands they will ride on horse-back to Bethlehem in Għajnsielem.

The general public is being invited to follow this unique trip.

The programme for the weekend will be as following:

Saturday 4th January

12.25 pm - The Three Wise Men arrive at Gudja MIA on Air Malta flight KM 613 from Rome,

Sunday 5th January

9.15am Departure of the Magi from Selmun Tower.
10.15am Arrival at Mellieħa's main square.
10.30am Short re-enactment of the Three Kings in the main square.
11.00am Departure from Mellieħa's main square to Ċirkewwa.
2.15 pm Departure from Ċirkewwa with Gozo Channel Ferry.
2.45 pm Arrival in Mġarr Harbour, to be met by Minister for Gozo and departure to Ġhajnsielem main streets.

The Three wise men will make the triumphant entrance at the nativity village, Bethlehem f'Ġhajnsielem, at around 4.00pm stopping at the grotto to present gifts to baby Jesus. This will mark the end of four weekends of animation and months of hard work.

For further information, footage and photos of the events in Tolfa and Vatican:

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