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PROGRAMME OF THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MGR CARMEL ZAMMIT, BISHOP-ELECT OF GIBRALTAR

Tuesday 6th September 2016 – Prayer Vigil at Gudja Parish Church

8:00 p.m. Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna will lead a Prayer Vigil in preparation for the Episcopal Ordination of Mgr Carmel Zammit, Bishop-elect of Gibraltar. During the Prayer Vigil, the Archbishop will also bless the Episcopal Insigna to be used during the Ordination Mass. Mgr Zammit was born and bred in Gudja, and resides there.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (Solemn Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

- The Episcopal Ordination at the Mdina Cathedral

9:15 a.m. His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols, His Excellency Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna, His Lordship Bishop Ralph Heskett and His Lordship Bishop-elect Carmel Zammit, leave the Archbishop's Palace on foot to the Mdina Cathedral. There, they will be greeted by the Metropolitan Chapter and led to the Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament for a short moment of prayer.

9:30 a.m. The Solemn Mass starts. The celebration of Mass will be presided over by His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. The coconsacrating Bishops will be His Excellency Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna and His Lordship Bishop Ralph Heskett. Mass will be broadcast 'live' on TVM and on the <u>YouTube Channel</u> of the Church in Malta.

## Sunday 11th September 2016 – Thanksgiving Mass at Gudja Parish Church

8:45 a.m. The cortège, led by Bishop Carmel Zammit, leaves the boys' M.U.S.E.U.M. accompanied by family members and the two local band clubs, La Stella Band Club and Marija Assunta Band Club, to the Parish Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Gudja.

9:45 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass to God, celebrated by Bishop Carmel Zammit.