





In the hours that have passed, there were nine new Covid-19 cases, so that there are 73 persons who have contracted the virus in all in the country. The 61-year-old elderly person who was yesterday admitted to hospital with complications, has been transferred to ITU. Swabbing rates have increased substantally, and yesterday 233 tests were carried out. The more tests that are carried out, the more chance one has to discover infected persons and control the virus's spread. The majority of Covid-19 transmission cases of today have been imported from abroad, although there are some cases of local transmission. Thus the need to avoid crowds, not leaving our houses for no reason, and washing our hands frequently.



After a healthcare worker in Balzan Pharmacy tested postive for Covid-19, health authorities are appealing for those who went to this pharmacy on the 16th and 17th of March, to remain at home and stay there with immediate effect. Those persons who exhibit any symptoms should phone 111. Health authorities have also confirmed that there was no coronavirus case amongst bank employees in Malta, or clients who have visited the bank.







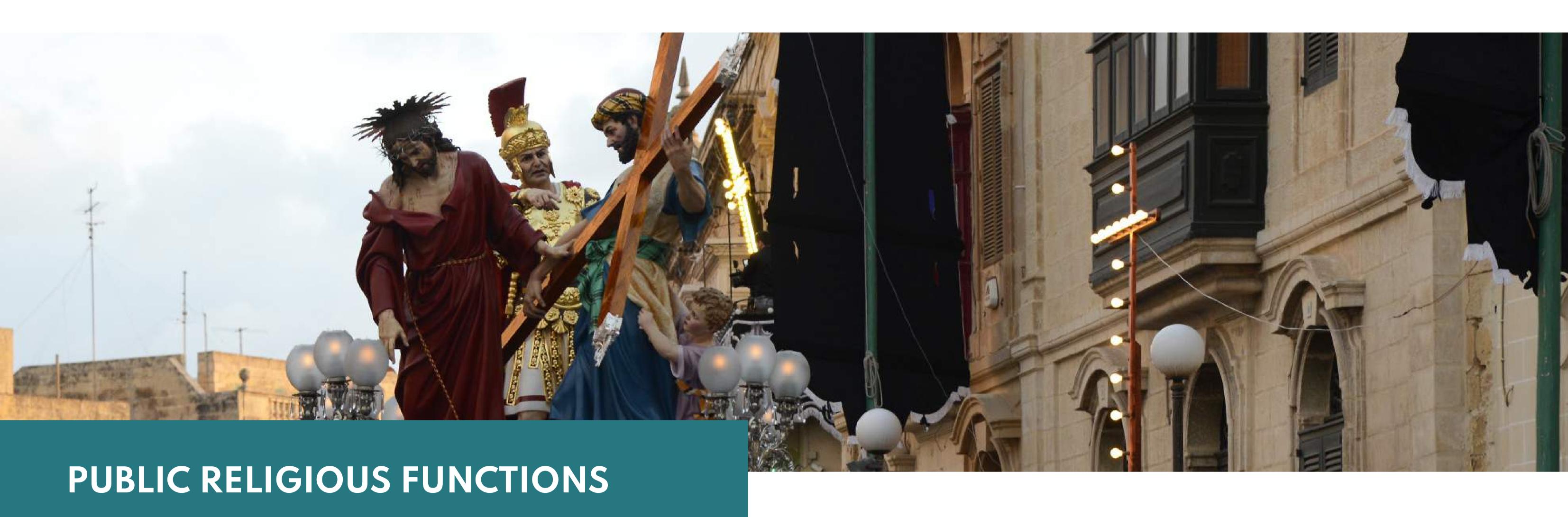
Fl-aħħar 24 siegħa saru total ta' 378 spezzjoni f'Malta u 34 spezzjoni f'Għawdex. Waqt dawn l-ispezzjonijiet nstabu 8 persuni jiksru l-liġi u ġew immultati €3,000 kull wieħed. Għaldaqstant, in-numru ta' multi li nħarġu mill-awtoritajiet issa tela' għal 19. Għal darb'oħra, l-appell jibqa' dejjem li kulħadd għandu jkun responsabbli u jikkopera mad-direttivi li qed jingħataw mill-awtoritajiet.



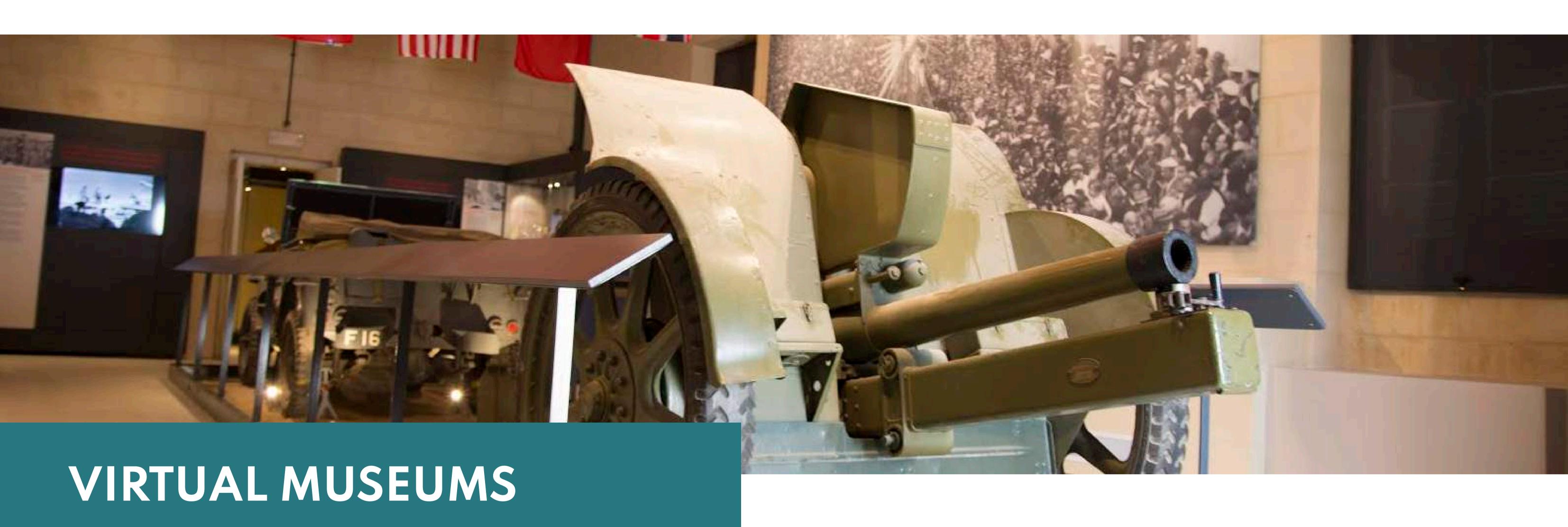
During more than 480 inspections carried out, a person was found breaching obligatory quarantine twice, and was fined €3000 each time. In the last 24hours, 347 inspections in Malta and 37 inspections in Gozo were carried out. Up till now, a total of 21 fines to those who defied obligatory quarantine were meted out. The appeal remains for everyone to be responsible and follow the directives rolled out by the authorities.







Our Lady of Sorrows, Good Friday and the Easter public manifestations will not be held. This was announced in a decree issued by the Vatican, in another measure aimed at containing the coronavirus spread. It has been recommended that those liturgical functions that can be postponed, are held at a later date. The Archdiocese of Malta has already ceased religious functions in the country.



Although physically closed, national museums and Heritage Malta sites have still opened their doors, albeit virtually by means of the electronic website Google Arts & Culture - https://artsandculture.google.com/.

Through collaboration with Google, Heritage Malta has put Maltese cultural sites on the same footing as renowned international museums. One can pay a virtual visit to the Hypogeum, the Museum of Archaeology, the Domvs Romana, and the War Museum. Pay them a visit!







111 - For those who feel symptoms of COVID-19 or who wish further information

2204 2200 – For Maltese residents who were caught in one of the high-risk countries and wish to return to Malta

21411 411 - For those in **mandatory quarantine** who require provisions of food and medicine

144 – For those who require information about the financial package for industries, businesses, and the self-employed

25981000 – For those who have questions about the educational sector and the impact of the coronavirus

21692447 - For hoteliers and tourists who have questions about the announced measures.

25903030 - For **elderly persons bereft of support** who need medicines, ready-made meals or food products (fruit and vegetables).

25469111 - For those who work in the gaming industry.