

PASTORAL VISIT TO PWALES CHAPEL BY ARCHBISHOP CHARLES J. SCICLUNA AND CELEBRATION OF MASS ON THE FESTA OF SAN GORG PRECA

The Pwales Chapel was again very well [attended](#) on **Saturday 12th May 2018**, when His Grace Archbishop Charles J. Scicluna made his pastoral visit. It started with a very brief stop at one of the houses at the entrance to Pwales, where two [senior ladies who are wheel chair](#) bound awaited the [Archbishop](#) who prayed [and](#) blessed these two residents. Proceeding further in and up the small access hill to the chapel, His Grace was introduced by the ALPS president George Stagno Navarra, to all the Council Members who awaited his arrival at the very start of the passageway.

Reaching the Pwales Chapel Parvis, the congregation that had already been seated all rose with a most welcome [applause and](#) received the [Archbishop](#) with happy faces, and greeted him with much enthusiasm and happiness. Together with [Archbishop Scicluna](#), we also had with us for celebration of Holy Mass, Fr. Michael Bugeja ([master of ceremony](#)) as well as Fr. Willaim Bartolo the Spiritual Director of ALPS. Much emphasis was made by His Grace when he was delivering one of the best homilies that was full of praise for The Association of Lyceum Past Students. He also dwelled on the canonization of San Gorg Preca with his studies at the Liceo towards the late 1800. The [Archbishop](#) went on to speak, about what the countryside means to us humans as well as the cultivation of arable land that surrounds the Pwales Chapel. A very hearty wish was coming from [Archbishop Scicluna](#) when he said:

***" and may all this open countryside that is in front of us today...
continue to stay untouched as it is, and producing many
different products that can be consumed by humans"....***

When Holy Mass was ended, the ALPS President delivered a speech that yet again referred to the land and the fields around the chapel. Mention was made of the agricultural products that are grown, the water supply coming directly from the rocks, the machinery and tools and the animals that all form part of the farmlands which up to this day, remain unencumbered from high rise buildings and uncontrollable development that have over the recent past years been the subject of much controversy. The President ended his speech, by thanking His Grace for finding the time to come and visit The Pwales Chapel. A commemorative gift was handed over to [Archbishop Scicluna](#) who really enjoyed receiving such a present consisting of a silver plaque inscribed with the date of the 12th May 2018 [to commemorate this](#) pastoral visit.

It is indeed another golden page written into the ALPS history book. We are proud to be instrumental for organizing and bringing prominent personalities to The Pwales Hamlet and its inhabitants.