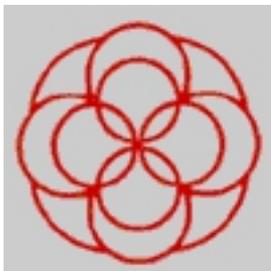


### Diocesan Museum “La Maddalena”



The **Diocesan Museum** lays near the harbour, in the middle of the historical centre, connected with the **Church of Saint Mary Magdalen** (built after 1780 and Parish since 1793) but reachable also from Via Barone Manno.

The aim of the museum, which is part of an important project for the development of the local territory, is to safeguard the property of the ecclesiastical cultural goods, exhibiting them in their original context.

The local history, strongly characterised by the lucky strategic location of the island of La Maddalena and by the meeting and blending of different populations coming from Campania, Genova, Tuscany and Piemonte, is well represented inside the museum.

Most important is the birth and development of the religious community, richly testified also from the “**Treasure of Saint Mary Magdalen**”: a precious collection of jewels, which were offered as votiv donations in the course of about two centuries and a half. A great attraction of the museum is the set altar (two chandlesticks and a silver crucifix in neoclassic style) given as a present from the famous **Admiral Nelson** with a signed letter.

One can admire a remarkable "Dormitio Virginis" with the outfit of clothes that accompany the celebration of the liturgical year and the "Giusto Davoli" Cabinet of Prints that being a copious section dedicated to the iconography of the Saint Patron prove how the tradition and the artistic production of the past centuries have perceived and made the figure of Mary Magdalene.

Furthermore the museum preserves the wood polychrome statues from the end of 1600, ancient documents of the gifts, vestments.

Guided Tours to the Museum can be held in Italian, English, French and Spanish and the visitors will receive informative material also in German, as well as in the listed languages.

Religious gifts, books, maps, postcards and souvenirs on sale.

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