



## CHAPEL OF MADONNA DELLA NEVE (OUR LADY OF THE SNOW)

You can find this point of interest in Argegno - Path 1 - Stage 3

### INFORMATION

**Location:** the Chapel of Madonna della Neve (Our Lady of the Snow) is placed along via Pizzo Gordona, about 5 metres after the staircase which reaches the locality Castello

**Paving:** asphalt

**Architectural barriers:** there are no architectural barriers

**Access:** from via Pizzo Gordona

**Services:** little parking after about 180 metres

**Leisure and food:** -

### DESCRIPTION

(Silvia Fasana)

The Chapel of Our Lady of the Snow dates back to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century; by an unknown author today it has been neglected. It has a central niche and two smaller ones placed on the pilasters at its side which accommodate different small statues and modern images (in the main niche the *Immaculate*, *Saint Francis with the Crucifix*, *The Holy Family*, the portrait of a *Saint Capuchin*; in the lateral niches the *Madonna with the Child* and the *Madonna of Lourdes* in plaster on small bases). Domenico Gregorio in its book about Argegno says that in the past this chapel contained a statue of our Lady with the inscription: «*This miracle image of Our Lady which was worshipped once a time in the destroyed Parish Church of Saint James by the Castello, was restored by F.S.D.F. in the year 1839*». The popular tradition, not supported by documents, quotes in fact how this chapel was built in order to host the statue of Our Lady which, abandoned in the ruined church of S. James by the Castello, was miraculously found by the inhabitants in this place.

Brought again back to the parish Church, the following day it was found again in the same point, and for this reason the inhabitants of Argegno built for the statue a chapel. In the past, in the evenings of May, the inhabitants reach this newsagent in order to say the Rosary.