

## Detailed Information about:

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### Religious Commemorations Issue

Date of Issue . . . . .	5th. March, 1988
Values . . . . .	10c, 12c and 14c
Stamp Size . . . . .	29mm × 47mm
Art Designer . . . . .	Frank Portelli
Printers . . . . .	Printex Limited

Process.....	Lithography
Perforation .....	13.6×13.9
Watermark.....	Maltese Crosses pointing sideways
Paper .....	Chalk Surfaced
Gum .....	PVA

**Colours:**

This set was printed in multicolours using the same four different colours for each value.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter are seen in the right hand margin, next to the last stamp of the bottom row, in each Pane, of each value. The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane Numbers from left to right on all Panes, of all values.

Cumulative totals of progressive columns of stamps are seen in top and bottom margins, in all Panes, of all values, printed in black.

The Printed Sheet of each value consisted of three Panes, A, B and C. Each Pane has forty stamps, made up of eight rows of five stamps. All stamps are of the vertical format.

**Plate/Pane numbers:**

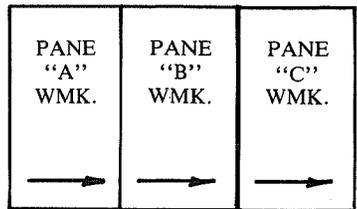
These are seen under the first stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values.

$$\begin{aligned}
 10c &= 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4, 1C \times 4 \\
 12c &= 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4, 1C \times 4 \\
 14c &= 1A \times 4, 1B \times 4, 1C \times 4
 \end{aligned}$$

**Perforation of Margins:**

The top margins of Panes A, B and C, of all values, are imperforate. All other margins of these same Panes, are all fully perforated. Registration marks, in the form of a circle in an ellipse, crossed by two lines, were seen in the bottom left hand corner of Panes A and in the top and bottom right hand corners of Panes C, of all values.

From a study of details given, the Printed Sheet of each value, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown on left. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown stamps would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark is sideways. Perforator ran from top to bottom.



**Imprint Blocks:**

“PRINTEX LIMITED MALTA” is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. An Imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks.

A special hand-postmark inscribed “Kommemorazzjonijiet Religjuzi – Malta – 5-3-88 – L-Ewwel Jum Tal-Hrug” and the name of the respective locality, was used on the first day of issue. The postmark also includes a monogram with the letters “AM” being the initial letters of the words “Ave Maria”. By 12.45pm on the first day of issue sales amounted to Lm19,116.

This set will remain on sale up to Wednesday, 14th. December, 1988, unless stamps are previously exhausted.