

## **Detailed Information about:-**

**Commemorations 1983 issue----- X**

**Monsignor Giuseppe De Piro issue ----- Y**

**Christmas 1983 issue----- Z**

Due to the shortage of space and also not to fall behind in the information about new issues, I am including all the technical details of three consecutive issues in one article. Each issue in the article will be denoted by the letters X, Y, and Z, as shown above, to save repetition and space.

Issue	X	Y	Z
Date of issue	14-7-83	1-9-83	6-9-83
Values	3c, 7c, 13c, 20c.	3c.	2c + 1c, 8c + 2c 20c + 3c
Stamp Size	43mm x 21.5mm	27mm x 33mm	29mm x 47mm
Art Designer	Donald Friggieri	Esprit Barthet	Norbert Attard
Printers	Printex Ltd.	same	same
Process	Lithography	same	same
Perforation	13.4 x 13.7	14 x 13.8	13.6 x 13.8
Watermark	Maltese Crosses sideways	same	same
Paper	Chalk Surfaced	same	same
Gum	P.V.A.	same	same

### Colours:

All three issues were printed in multicolour, using five different colours for each value in issue X, four in issue Y and six in issue Z.

Colour checks in the form of coloured discs 3mm in diameter, are seen in the right hand margin, next the last stamps of the two bottom rows in issue X, but next to the last stamp of the bottom row in issues Y and Z.

The colours from top to bottom correspond to the colours used for Pane numbers from right to left in issues X and Y, but from left to right in issue Z. This holds for all Panes, of all values, of the three issues.

Cumulative totals of progressive coloums of stamps are seen in top and bottom margins, printed in black.

The Printed Sheet of each value, of each of the three issues consisted of:

Issue X - three Panes, A, B and C. Each Pane has forty stamps made up of four rows of ten stamps.

Issue Y - three Panes, A, B and C. Each Pane has fifty stamps made up of ten rows of five stamps.

Issue Z - three Panes, A, B and C. Each Pane has forty stamps made up of eight rows of five stamps.

Stamps of issue X are of the horizontal format whilst those of issues Y and Z 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, of the three issues.

Issue X      3c = 1A x 5, 1B x 5, 1C x 5.  
                   7c = 1A x 5, 1B x 5, 1C x 5.  
                   13c = 1A x 5, 1B x 5, 1C x 5.  
                   20c = 1A x 5, 1B x 5, 1C x 5.

Issue Y      3c = 1A x 4, 1B x 4, 1C x 4.

Issue Z      2c + 1c = 1A x 6, 1B x 6, 1C x 6.  
                   8c + 2c = 1A x 6, 1B x 6, 1C x 6.  
                   20c + 3c = 1A x 6, 1B x 6, 1C x 6.

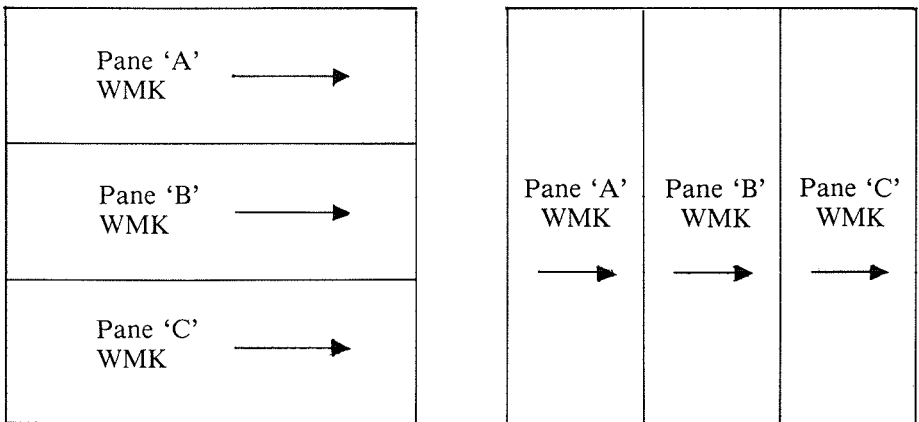
### Perforations of Margins:

Issue X - The top margin of Pane A of all four values, is imperforate, whilst the top margins of Panes B and C are fully perforated. The left hand, bottom and right hand margins of Panes A, B and C are also fully perforated.

Issues Y and Z - The top margins of Panes A, B and C of all values, of both issues, are imperforate, whilst the left hand, right hand and bottom margins of these same Panes are all fully perforated.

### Registration Markings:

A small part of a registration line can be seen in the middle of the top margin, near the edge, in Pane B only, of issue Y.



From a study of details given, the Printed Sheet of all values, before cutting into Panes, would look as shown on top left, for issue X, and as shown on top right, for issues Y and Z. Looking at the Printed Sheet as shown, stamps would be seen the right way up, hence why watermark in individual stamps of all three issues is sideways. Perforator ran from top to bottom in all cases.

### Imprint Blocks:

“Printex Limited Malta” is seen under the last stamp of the bottom row, in all Panes, of all values, of the three issues. Letters are 1mm high and printed in black. An Imprint Block of four will also include the colour checks. A special hand-postmark was used for the cancellation of Philatelic mail, on the first day of each of the three issues.

With issue Z, Maximum Card No.3 was also issued. It reproduces the design featured on the 8c + 2c stamp. The Maximum Card was available for sale at 5c. The 8c + 2c stamp could have been affixed on the image side of the Maximum Card and cancelled with the Xmas. first day of issue postmark.