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## **Philatelic Postage Stamp Issue – Christmas 2019**

On the 29 of November, MaltaPost will issue a set of 3 stamps featuring figurines of the Baby Jesus found in churches around Malta and Gozo as photographed by Mark Micallef Perconte.

At this time of year, churches are decorated for the festive season, and a figurine of the Baby Jesus is a must in every church and chapel throughout the Islands. On Christmas Eve, a children's procession is held in various towns and villages when the figurine of Baby Jesus is carried shoulder-high as children follow through the streets singing Christmas Carols while carrying lanterns and lights. This tradition dates back to 1921 when the Reverend George Preca (since canonised as a Saint) staged the very first procession in Hamrun.

The stamps will be issued sheets of 10 stamps, with each stamp measuring 44mm x 31mm, having a comb perforation of 14.0 x 13.9 and bearing the Maltese Cross watermark. The sheets measure 185mm x 115mm and were printed in the offset process by Printex Ltd. The issue consists of 500,000 of the €0.28 stamp, 80,000 of the €0.59 stamp and 28,000 of the €0.63 stamp.

The set will be available for sale as from Friday 29th November 2019 from all Post Offices in Malta and Gozo. Orders may be placed online at [www.maltaphilatelly.com](http://www.maltaphilatelly.com) or by mail from the Philatelic Bureau, MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Qormi Road, Marsa, MTP 1001; Telephone: 2596 1740, email:[info@maltaphilatelly.com](mailto:info@maltaphilatelly.com)

## **Ħarġa Filatelika tal-pustagġ – Christmas 2019**

Fid-29 ta' Novembru, MaltaPost se toħroġ sett ta' tliet bolli li juru tliet figurini ta' Ġesu Bambin. Dawn il-figurini jinsabu fil-knejjes madwar Malta u Għawdex. Ritratti: Mark Micallef Perconte

F'dan iż-żmien tas-sena l-knejjes jiġu mżejna, u f'kull knisja u kappella madwar Malta u Għawdex għandek issib figurin ta' Ġesu Bambin. Ta kull sena, lejliet il-Milied, issir purċissjoni tat-tfal f'ħafna mill-bliet u rħula Maltin, fejn figurin ta' 'Ġesù Bambin jingarr fit-toroq fuq l-ispalla filwaqt li t-tfal jimxu warajh b'xi fanal jew lampa waqt li jkantaw għanjiet tal-Milied. Din it-tradizzjoni Maltija tmur lura għall-1921 meta Dun Ġorġ Preca (illum qaddis) tella' l-ewwel purċissjoni tat-tfal ġewwa l-Ħamrun.

Is-sett se jinħareġ f'folji t'għaxar bolli. Kull bolla hija ta' daqs 44mm x 31mm, b'perforazzjoni ta' 14.0 x 13.9 (comb.) u l-folja hija ta' daqs 185mm x 115mm. Il-bolli ġew stampati b'watermark tas-Salib ta' Malta u Printex Limited iproduċa dan is-sett b'metodu offset. Il-ħarġa tikkonsisti f'500,000 bolla tat- €0.28, 80,000 bolla tad-€0.59 u 28,000 bolla tat-€0.63.

Il-ħarġa se tkun għall-bejgħ minn nhar il-Ġimgħa 29 ta' Novembru 2019 mill-Ferġat Postali kollha. Ordnijiet jistgħu jsiru mis-sit elettroniku [www.maltaphilately.com](http://www.maltaphilately.com), bil-posta mill-Philatelic Bureau MaltaPost p.l.c. 305, Triq Ħal Qormi, Marsa, MTP 1001, bit-telefon 2596 1740 jew permezz tal-e-mail: [info@maltaphilately.com](mailto:info@maltaphilately.com).