

## Religious and Significant Days: January – June 2011

The calendar below is intended as a guide to help identify some of the holy days of the major world religions. It is not a complete list.

<b>JANUARY</b>		
1	Feast of St Basil	Orthodox Christian
1	Gantan-sai	Shinto
5	Birthday of Guru Gobindh Singh Sahib	Sikh
6	Epiphany	Orthodox Christian
6	Feast of the Theophany	Orthodox Christian
7	Christmas/ Nativity of Christ	Coptic and Orthodox Christian
9	Baptism of Jesus	Christian
13	Maghi	Sikh.
16	World Religion Day	Baha'i
19	Timkat	Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
19-21	Mahayana Buddhist New Year**	Buddhist
20	Tu B'shvat	Jewish
26	Invasion Day/Survival Day Australia Day	Australia
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
2	Presentation of Jesus in the Temple	Christian
2	Imbolc - Lughnassad *	Wicca
3	Setsubun-sai	Shinto
3	Chinese New Year	Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist
6	Triodion begins	Orthodox Christian
8	Vasant Panchami	Hindu
15	Nirvana Day	Buddhism-Jain
15	Mawlid an Nabi	Islam
26- 1 March	Intercalary Days	Baha'i
24	Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	Christian
27	Meatfare Sunday	Orthodox Christian
<b>MARCH</b>		
2-20	Nineteen Day Fast	Baha'i
3	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
6	Cheesefare Sunday	Orthodox Christian
7	Clean Monday - Lent begins	Orthodox Christian
9	Ash Wednesday - Lent begins	Christian
19	Magha Puja Day**	Buddhist
20	Purim	Jewish
20	Mabon *	Wicca/Pagan
20	Holi	Hindu
20	Hola Mohalla	Sikh
21	Norouz (New Year)	Persian/Zoroastrian
21	Naw Ruz (New Year)	Baha'i
21	Harmony Day International Day for the Elimination of Racial Violence	Australia United Nations
25	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Christian
28	Khordad Sal **	Zoroastrian

<b>APRIL</b>		
4	New Year**	Hindu
4-12	Ramayana	Hindu
5	Qingming	Chinese traditional
12	Ramanavami **	Hindu
14	Baisakhi	Sikh
17	Palm/Passion Sunday	Christian
17	Mahavir Jayanti	Jain
18-21	Theravadin New Year **	Buddhist
18	Lord's Evening Meal	Jehovah's Witness Christian
18	Hanuman Jayanti **	Hindu
19-26	Pesach (Passover) *	Jewish
22	Good (Holy) Friday	Christian
24	Easter Sunday	Christian
30	St. James the Great Day	Orthodox Christian
<b>MAY</b>		
1	Yom HaSho'ah *	Jewish
1	Beltane - Samhain *	Wicca/Pagan
9	Yom Ha'Atzmaut *	Jewish
17	Buddha Day - Visakha Puja **	Buddhist
23	Declaration of the Bab *	Baha'i
26	National Sorry Day	Australia
29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah *	Baha'i
<b>JUNE</b>		
2	Ascension of Christ	Christian
8-9	Shavuot *	Jewish
12	Pentecost	Christian
16	Guru Arjan Dev martyrdom	Sikh
19	All Saints	Orthodox Christian
19	Trinity Sunday	Christian
19	Timkat	Ethiopian Orthodox Christian
20	World Refugee Day	United Nations
21	First Nations Day	Canadian Native People
21	Yule *	Wicca/Pagan
23	Corpus Christi	Catholic Christian
28	Lailat al Miraj * **	Islam

Note: \* Usually begins sunset the day before; \*\* local customs may vary this date.

Most dates and information obtained from the Interfaith Calendar  
([www.interfaithcalendar.org](http://www.interfaithcalendar.org)).

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