# Religious and Cultural Diversity Calendar 2023

## JANUARY
- **5** Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Ji
- **7** Christmas (Orthodox)
- **7-9** Mahayana New Year
- **22** Lunar New Year
- **26** Australia Day
- **13** Anniversary of National Apology Day
- **15** Parinirvana Day
- **22** Ash Wednesday
- **27** Lent (Orthodox)
- **6** Magha Puja
- **7** Purim
- **8** Holi (Festival of Colours)
- **14** Good Friday
- **16** Visakha Puja
- **18** Al Hijra Islamic New Year
- **20** Asalha Puja (Dhamma) Day
- **21** Assumption of Mary (Catholic)
- **23** Eid al-Fitr
- **30** Rama Navami

## FEBRUARY
- **13** Anniversary of National Apology Day
- **15** Parinirvana Day
- **18** International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
- **22** Ash Wednesday
- **27** Lent (Orthodox)
- **5** Vesak Day or Buddha Day
- **18** Ascension Day
- **21** World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- **26** National Sorry Day
- **26** Shavuot

## MARCH
- **6** Magha Puja
- **7** Purim
- **8** Holi (Festival of Colours)
- **18** Visakha Puja
- **21** Assumption of Mary (Catholic)
- **22** Ash Wednesday
- **27** Lent (Orthodox)
- **28** Pentecost
- **6** Krishna Janmashtami
- **12** Nayrouz Coptic New Year
- **15-17** Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year
- **25** Yom Kippur
- **26** Mawlid al-Nabi – Birth of Prophet Muhammad
- **29** Moon Festival
- **30** Sukkot (until 6 Oct)

## APRIL
- **2** Palm Sunday
- **5-13** Passover
- **6** Hanuman Jayanti
- **8** Holi (Festival of Colours)
- **14** Good Friday
- **16** Visakha Puja
- **19** Al Hijra Islamic New Year
- **25** Yom Kippur
- **26** Mawlid al-Nabi – Birth of Prophet Muhammad
- **29** Moon Festival
- **30** Sukkot (until 6 Oct)
- **2** Palm Sunday
- **4** National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day
- **12** Nayrouz Coptic New Year
- **15-17** Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year
- **25** Yom Kippur
- **26** Mawlid al-Nabi – Birth of Prophet Muhammad
- **29** Moon Festival
- **30** Sukkot (until 6 Oct)

## MAY
- **5** Vesak Day or Buddha Day
- **18** Ascension Day
- **21** World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- **26** National Sorry Day
- **27** Shavuot
- **28** National Reconciliation Week
- **3** Mabo Day
- **16** Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib
- **20** World Refugee Day
- **26** The Hajj (until 2 Jul)
- **28** Eid al-Adha

## JUNE
- **3** Remembrance Day
- **12** Bandi Chhor Divas
- **12** Deepavali (also known as Diwali) Festival of Lights
- **11** Remembrance Day
- **12** Bandi Chhor Divas
- **12** Deepavali (also known as Diwali) Festival of Lights
- **14** Good Friday (Orthodox)
- **15** Assumption of Mary (Catholic)
- **25** Australian South Sea Islanders National Recognition Day
- **26** National Sorry Day
- **26** National Reconciliation Week
- **27** Shavuot
- **27-3** National Reconciliation Week
- **28** Pentecost
- **3** First Sunday of Advent
- **8-15** Chanukah
- **21** Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Older Sahibzade
- **25** Christmas Day
- **26** Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Younger Sahibzade

## JULY
- **1** Remembrance Day
- **2-9** NAIDOC Week
- **3** Al Hijra Islamic New Year
- **16** Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Older Sahibzade
- **25** Christmas Day
- **26** Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Younger Sahibzade

## AUGUST
- **4** National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
- **6** Krishna Janmashtami
- **12** Nayrouz Coptic New Year
- **15-17** Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year
- **25** Australian South Sea Islanders National Recognition Day
- **30** Sukkot (until 6 Oct)

## SEPTEMBER
- **2** Remembrance Day
- **6** Krishna Janmashtami
- **12** Nayrouz Coptic New Year
- **15-17** Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year
- **25** Australian South Sea Islanders National Recognition Day
- **30** Sukkot (until 6 Oct)

## OCTOBER
- **8** Simchat Torah
- **20** Inauguration (Gurgadi) of Guru Granth Sahib
- **24** Vijay Dashami (Dashehra)
- **11** Remembrance Day
- **12** Bandi Chhor Divas
- **12** Deepavali (also known as Diwali) Festival of Lights
- **24** Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Guru Tegh Bahadur
- **27** Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib
- **3** First Sunday of Advent
- **6-15** Chanukah

## NOVEMBER
- **11** Remembrance Day
- **12** Bandi Chhor Divas
- **12** Deepavali (also known as Diwali) Festival of Lights
- **24** Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Guru Tegh Bahadur
- **27** Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib
- **3** First Sunday of Advent
- **6-15** Chanukah

## DECEMBER
- **3** First Sunday of Advent
- **8-15** Chanukah
- **21** Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Older Sahibzade
- **25** Christmas Day
- **26** Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Younger Sahibzade

These dates are representative of the diversity of our community. Many religious holy days begin at sundown the day before the date.