

## UWA Interfaith Calendar 2018

Month	Date	Holy Day / Festival /Celebration	Faith
<b>JANUARY</b>	Mon 1	Shogatsu	Shinto
	Fri 5	Birthday of Gugu Gobind Singh	Sikhism
	Sat 6	Epiphany/Theophany	Orthodox Christian
	Sun 7	Christmas Day (Feast of The Nativity)	Orthodox Christian
	Mon 8	Seijin Shiki	Shinto
	Sat 13	Maghi	Sikhism
	Sun 14	Makar Sankranti	Hinduism
	Fri 19	Week of prayer for Christian Unity begins	Christian
	Wed 24	Bodhi Day	Buddhism
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	Sat 3	Rissun (Setsubun)	Shinto
	Mon 5	Chaplain's Sunday	Interfaith
	Sun 11	Tu B'Shevat	Judaism
	Wed 14	Ash Wednesday / Lent	Christian
	Thur 15	Parinivana/Nirvana Day	Buddhism
	Fri 16	Chinese New Year	Buddhism
<b>MARCH</b>	Fri 2	Fast Starts	Baha'i
	Fri 2	Holi	Hinduism
	Sat 3	Hina Matsuri	Shinto
	Fri 9	Fast of Esther	Judaism
	Mon 12	Purim	Judaism
	Tue 20	Fast ends	Baha'i
	Tue 20	Shubun-sai	Shinto
	Wed 21	Naw Ruz, New Year	Baha'i
	Wed 21	Jamshedji Nowruz	Zoroastrianism
	Sun 25	The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary	Orthodox Christian
	Sun 25	Ramanavami	Hinduism
	Sun 25	Palm Sunday	Christian
	Fri 30	Passover (first day)	Judaism
	Fri 30	Good Friday	Christian
	Sat 31	Magha Puja	Buddhism
Sat 31	Hanuman Jayanti	Hinduism	
<b>APRIL</b>	Sun 1	Palm Sunday(Orthodox)	Orthodox Christian
	Sun 1	Easter Day	Christian
	Fri 6	Holy Friday (Orthodox)	Orthodox Christian
	Sat 7	Holy Saturday (Orthodox)	Orthodox Christian
	Sun 8	Pascha (Easter Sunday)	Orthodox Christian
	Wed 11	Yom Hashoah	Judaism
	Sat 14	Vaisakhi	Sikhism
	Sat 21	Ridvan (first day)	Baha'i
	Sun 29	Ridvan (ninth day)	Baha'i
	Mon 30	Theravada New Year	Buddhism

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<b>MAY</b>	Wed 2	Ridvan (twelfth day)	Baha'i
	Wed 10	Ascension Day	Christian
	Thu 11	Yom Yerushalayim	Judaism
	Wed 15/16*	Ramadan starts (subject to moonsighting)	Islam
	Sat 19	Shavuot (first day)	Judaism
	Sun 20	Pentecost	Christian
	Thu 24	Declaration of the Báb	Baha'i
	Wed 27	Pentecost	Orthodox Christian
	Fri 29	Vesak Day or Buddha Day	Buddhism
	Fri 29	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Baha'i
<b>JUNE</b>	Fri 14/15*	Eid-Al-Fitr (subject to moonsighting)	Islam
	Sat 16	Martyrdom (Shahidi) of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib	Sikhism
<b>JULY</b>	Tue 10	Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha'i
	Fri 27	Asalha Puja - Dharma Day	Buddhism
<b>AUGUST</b>	Wed 15	Dormition of the Theotokos	Orthodox Christian
	Wed 15	Assumption Day	Christian
	Mon 20*	Day of Arafat (subject to moonsighting)	Islam
	Tue 21*	Eid al Adha (subject to moonsighting)	Islam
	Sun 26	Raksha Bandhan	Hinduism
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	Sat 1	Inauguration (Gurgadi) of Guru Granth Sahib	Sikhism
	Mon 3	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism
	Sun 9	Rosh Hashanah (first day)	Judaism
	Tue 11	Al-Hijra (subject to moonsighting)	Islam
	Wed 13	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hinduism
	Tue 18	Yom Kippur	Judaism
	Thu 20	Ashura (subject to moonsighting)	Islam
	Sun 23	Succot (first day)	Judaism
	Sun 30	Shemini Atzeret	Judaism
<b>OCTOBER</b>	Mon 1	Simchat Torah	Judaism
	Fri 19	Dasera	Hinduism
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	Thu 1	All Saints Day	Christian
	Wed 7	Bandi Chhor Divas	Sikhism
	Wed 7	Deepavali/Diwali	Hinduism / Sikhism
	Fri 9	Birth of Bab	Baha'i
	Sat 10	Birth of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i
	Thu 15	Shichigosan	Shinto
	Fri 23	Niinamesei	Shinto
	Fri 23	Birth of Guru Nanak Dev Sahi	Sikhism
	Sat 24	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur	Sikhism
<b>DECEMBER</b>	Sun 2	Chanukah Festival of Lights	Judaism
	Tue 25	Christmas Day	Christian

\*All content in this calendar is based on information available at the time of production. To the greatest extent possible, holidays based on lunar phases or other variables that change yearly have been factored into observance dates. The spelling of certain observances may vary as well.

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UWA's Interfaith Calendar is distributed annually and features observances celebrated across various religious traditions. Please use this calendar as a guide to better understand, acknowledge, and respect observances held by members of the UWA community.

**To be more accommodating, please consider the following:**

### **FOOD**

Halal and Kosher restrictions may apply. Consider vegetarian, non-alcoholic, and non-caffeinated options. During some holidays, individuals will be fasting.

### **HOURS**

Consider allowing flexibility in work/school hours, as some holidays may require individuals to attend their place of worship during the day.

### **ABSENCE**

Some individuals may request to use annual leave or personal days for holidays that are not recognized as national, local or University-wide days off.

### **DEADLINES**

Consider allowing flexibility for deadlines around important holidays, as some individuals may be participating in celebrations or fasting, which could cause decreased stamina.

### **PRAYER**

Consider designating a space for employees or students to pray, as some holidays may require increased prayer throughout the day/evening.

### **NOTES:**

The length of some holidays and the extent to which they are observed may vary according to denominational affiliations or regions.

All Baha'i, Jewish and Muslim holidays begin at sunset the previous day.

We encourage all places of worship or events to be accessible to persons with disabilities by making necessary accommodations.

This calendar aims to be as inclusive as possible. Please contact [fadzi.whande@uwa.edu.au](mailto:fadzi.whande@uwa.edu.au) if you would like the 2018 Interfaith Calendar to include a holiday that is not currently listed.