

# Interfaith Calendar 2008

\* Holy days begin at sundown the day before this date

\*\* Regional customs, group preference or moon sightings may cause a variation of this date

## January 2008

- 1 Mary, Mother of God – **Catholic Christian**  
Feast Day of St Basil – **Orthodox Christian**  
Gantan-sai (New Year) – **Shinto**
- 5 Twelfth Night – **Christian**  
Gukru Gobindh Singh birthday – **Sikh**
- 6 Epiphany – **Christian**  
Feast of the Theophany – **Orthodox Christian**  
Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day) – **Hispanic Christian**
- 7 Feast of the Nativity – **Orthodox Christian**
- 10 Muharram (New Year)\* - **Islam**
- 13 Baptism of the Lord Jesus – **Christian**  
Maghi – **Sikh**
- 14 Maghi – **Sikh**
- 17 Blessing of the Animals – **Hispanic Christian**
- 18-25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – **Christian**
- 19 Ashura\* – **Islam**
- 20 World Religion Day – **Baha'i**
- 22 Tu B'shvat\* – **Jewish**
- 22-25 Mahayana New Year\*\* – **Buddhist**
- 25 Conversion of St Paul – **Christian**

## February 2008

- 1 Lammas – **Christian (Southern Hemisphere)**
- 2 Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple) – **Christian**  
Imbolc\* - **Wicca (Northern Hemisphere)**  
Lughanssad\* - **Wicca (Southern Hemisphere)**
- 3 Four Chaplains Sunday – **Interfaith**  
Transfiguration Sunday – **Christian**
- 5 Shrove Tuesday – **Christian**
- 6 Ash Wednesday (Lent begins) – **Christian**

7 Chinese New Year – **Confucian/Daoist/Buddhist**

11 Vasant Panchami\*\* – **Hindu**

14 St Valentine's Day – **Christian**

15 Nirvana Day – **Buddhist**

17 Triodion – **Orthodox Christian**

**26 Feb – 1 Mar**

Intercalary Days\* – **Baha'i**

## March 2008

1 Saturday of Souls – **Orthodox Christian**

St David of Wales – **Christian**

2 Meatfare Sunday – **Orthodox Christian**

6 Maha Shivaratri\*\* – **Hindu**

9 Cheesefare Sunday – **Orthodox Christian**

Passion Sunday\*\* – **Christian**

10 Lent begins (Clean Monday) – **Orthodox Christian**

16 Palm/Passion Sunday – **Christian**

Orthodox Sunday – **Orthodox Christian**

17 St Patrick's Day – **Christian**

20 Mawlid an Nabi\* – **Islam**

Ostara Vernal Equinox\* – **Wicca (Northern Hemisphere)**

Mabon\* – **Wicca (Southern Hemisphere)**

Maunday Thursday – **Christian**

21 Good Friday – **Christian**

Purim\* – **Jewish**

Norouz (New Year) – **Persian/Zoroastrian**

Naw Ruz (New Year) – **Baha'i**

Magha Puja\*\* – **Buddhist**

22 Holi\*\* – **Hindu**

Hola Mohalla – **Sikh**

23 Easter – **Christian**

25 Annunciation of the Virgin Mary – **Christian**

26 Khordad Sal (birth of Prophet Zaranhushttra) – **Zoroastrian**

## April 2008

6 New Year\*\* – **Hindu**

- 6-14 Ramayana\*\* – **Hindu**
- 13 Baisakhi – **Sikh**
- 14 Ramanavami\*\* – **Hindu**  
Baisakhi – **Sikh**
- 19 Lazarus Saturday – **Orthodox Christian**
- 20 Hanuman Jayanti\*\* – **Hindu**  
Palm Sunday – **Orthodox Christian**
- 20-23 Theravadin New Year\*\* – **Buddhist**
- 20-21 Pesach, first two days (Passover)\* – **Jewish**
- 21 Ridvan begins\* - **Baha'i**
- 23 St George's Day – **Christian**
- 24-26 Pesach, final two days (Passover)\* – **Jewish**
- 25 Holy Friday – **Orthodox Christian**
- 27 Easter/Pascha – **Orthodox Christian**
- 30 St James the Great Day – **Orthodox Christian**

## May 2008

- 1 Ascension of Christ – **Christian**  
Beltane\* – **Wicca (Northern Hemisphere)**  
Samhain\* – **Wicca (Southern Hemisphere)**
- 2 Yom HaSho'ah\* – **Jewish**
- 8 Yom Ha'Atzmaut\* – **Jewish**
- 11 Pentecost – **Christian**
- 18 Trinity Sunday – **Christian**
- 20 Visakha Puja (Buddha Day)\*\* – **Buddhist**
- 22 Corpus Christi – **Catholic Christian**
- 23 Declaration of the Bab\* – **Baha'i**
- 29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah\* – **Baha'i**
- 30 Sacred Heart of Jesus – **Catholic Christian**
- 31 Lag B'Omer\* – **Jewish**

## June 2008

- 4 Pentecost – **Christian**
- 5 Ascension of Jesus – **Orthodox Christian**
- 9 St Columba of Iona – **Christian**

- 9-10 Shavuot\* – **Jewish**
- 11 Trinity – **Christian**
- 15 Corpus Christi – **Catholic Christian**  
Pentecost – **Orthodox Christian**
- 16 Guru Arjan Dev Martyrdom – **Sikh**
- 19 New Church Day – **Swedenborgian Christian**
- 21 First Nations Day – **Canadian Native People**  
Litha\* – **Wicca (Northern Hemisphere)**  
Yule\* – **Wicca (Southern Hemisphere)**
- 22 All Saints – **Orthodox Christian**
- 23 Sacred Heart of Jesus – **Catholic Christian**
- 29 Feast Day of St Peter and St Paul – **Christian**

## July 2008

- 9 Martyrdom of the Bab\* – **Baha'i**
- 11 St Benedict Day – **Catholic Christian**
- 13-16 Ulambana, Obon\*\* – **Buddhist**
- 18 Asalha Puja Day (Dharma Day)\*\* – **Buddhist**
- 24 Pioneer Day – **Mormon Christian**
- 25 St James the Great Day – **Christian**
- 31 Lailat al Miraj\* - **Islam**

## August 2008

- 1 Lammas – **Christian**  
Fast in Honour of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus – **Orthodox Christian**
- 2 Lughnassad\* – **Wicca (Northern Hemisphere)**  
Imbolc\* – **Wicca (Southern Hemisphere)**
- 6 Transfiguration of Our Lord – **Orthodox Christian**
- 10 Tisha B'Av\* – **Jewish**
- 15 Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary – **Catholic Christian**  
Dormition of the Theotokos – **Orthodox Christian**
- 16 Raksha Bandhan\*\* – **Hindu**
- 18 Lailat al Bara'ah\* – **Islam**
- 25 Assumption of the Virgin Mary – **Catholic Christian**
- 28 Krishna Janmashtami\*\* – **Hindu**
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist – **Christian**

31 Lailat al Miraj\* - **Islam**

## September 2008

- 1 Church year begins – **Orthodox Christian**
- 2 Ramadan begins\* – **Islam**
- 3 Ganesa Chaturthi\*\* – **Hindu**
- 8 Nativity of Mary – **Christian**
- 14 Holy Cross Day – **Christian**
- 22 Mabon\* – **Wicca (Northern Hemisphere)**  
Ostara\* – **Wicca (Southern Hemisphere)**
- 28 Laylat al Kadar – **Islam**
- 29 Michael and All Angels – **Christian**
- 30 Sept – 1 Oct**  
Rosh Hashanah\* – **Jewish**
- 30 Sept – 8 Oct**  
Navaratri\*\* – **Hindu**

## October 2008

- 2 Eid al Fitr (Ramadan ends)\* – **Islam**
- 4 St Francis Day – **Catholic Christian**
- 9 Yom Kippur\* – **Jewish**  
Dasera\*\* – **Hindu**
- 14-20 Sukkot\* – Jewish**
- 20 Birth of the Bab\* – **Baha'i**  
Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth – **Sikh**
- 21 Semini Atzeret\* – **Jewish**
- 22 Simhat Torah\* – **Jewish**
- 27 Reformation Day – **Protestant Christian**
- 28 Milvian Bridge Day – **Christian**  
Diwali/Deepavali\*\* – **Hindu/Sikh/Jain**
- 31 All Hallows Eve – **Christian**  
Reformation Day – **Protestant Christian**

## November 2008

- 1 All Saints' Day – **Christian**

- Samhain\* – **Wicca (Northern Hemisphere)**
- Beltane\* – **Wicca (Southern Hemisphere)**
- 2** All Souls' Day – **Christian**
- 12** Birth of Baha'u'llah\* – **Baha'i**
- 13** Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib – **Sikh**
- 15** Nativity Fast begins – **Orthodox Christian**
- 23** Christ the King – **Christian**
- 24** Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom – **Sikh**
- 26** Day of Covenant\* – **Baha'i**
- 27** Thanksgiving – **Interfaith USA**
- 28** Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha\* – **Baha'i**
- 30** First Sunday of Advent – **Christian**
- St Andrew's Day – **Christian**

## December 2008

- 8** Rohatsu (Bodhi Day)\*\* – **Buddhism**
- Immaculate Conception – **Catholic Christian**
- 9** Eid Al Adha\* – **Islam**
- 12** Our Lady of Guadalupe (Feast Day) – **Catholic Christian**
- Advent Fast begins – **Orthodox Christian**
- 16-25** Posedas Novidenas – **Christian**
- 21** Yule\* – **Wicca (Northern Hemisphere)**
- Litha\* – **Wicca (Southern Hemisphere)**
- Yule – **Christian**
- 22-29** Hanukkah\* – **Jewish**
- 25** Christmas\* – **Christian**
- Feast of the Nativity\*\* – **Orthodox Christian**
- 26** Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) – **Zoroastrian**
- 28** Holy Innocents – **Christian**
- Feast of the Holy Family – **Catholic Christian**
- 29** Muharram (First Day of New Year)\* – **Islam**
- 31** Watch Night – **Christian**