RELIGIOUS DAYS OF OBSERVANCE

As football continues to grow across culturally and religiously diverse communities, Football Victoria and clubs have an important role to play in creating inclusive environments, not just on the pitch, but in the way training, competitions, and events are planned and delivered.

Where possible, clubs should consider religious observance times and make appropriate adjustments to ensure participants feel respected and supported in balancing their faith and football commitments.

For example, during Ramadan, match officials are instructed to pause matches at sunset to allow fasting players the opportunity to break their fast. These thoughtful, practical adaptations reflect Football Victoria's commitment to inclusivity and player wellbeing.

The below calendar depicts the major religious days of observance in 2026 for the following communities: Sikh, Eastern Orthodox, Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Buddhist. These are the seven largest faith communities in Victoria by population, FV acknowledges that not all faiths are included.

This resource is designed to help your club plan events and activities while being aware and inclusive of religious observance within your community.



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JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
5th Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji		3rd - 4th Holi	1st - 9th Passover	1st Vesak Day							4th - 12th Hanukkah
7th The Holy Nativity Feast			3rd Good Friday								
	15th Nirvana Day		5th - 6th Easter Sunday - Easter Monday								
	15th Maha Shivaratri										
	18th Ramadan Begins	19th - 20th Eid al Fitr (Ramadan Ends)									
			10th Good Friday (Orthodox)					11th - 13th Rosh Hashanah		8th Diwali	
			12th Easter Sunday (Orthodox)						11th Navaratri		
			13th Easter Monday (Orthodox)								
			14th Vaisakhi								
				21st - 23rd Shavuot				20th - 21st Yom Kippur			
					26th Ashura				20th Dussehra		
				26th - 30th Eid al Adha		29th Dhamma Day				24th Birth of Guru Nanak	25th Christmas Day

The above dates are taken from the Faith Communities Council of Victoria. Local or regional customs may use a variation of the above dates. Different spellings or names of the same religious events may also appear elsewhere.