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#### LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS • • • • •





These days are devoted to quiet reflection at the monastery. Visitors may come and take the precepts for the day and join in all or part of the extended evening meditation.

The dates for the lunar calendar are determined by traditional methods of calculation, and are therefore not always the same as the precise astronomical occurrences.

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### THE MAJOR FULL MOON DAYS FOR 2026 / 2569

Māgha Pūjā · 3 ('Sangha Day')

Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1250 arahants to whom the Buddha gave the exhortation on the basis of the Discipline (Ovāda Pātimokkha).

> Vesākha Pūjā · 31 ('Buddha Day')

Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Buddha.

Āsālhā Pūjā · 29 ('Dhamma Day')

Commemorates the Buddha's first discourse, given to the five samaṇas in the Deer Park at Sarnath, near Varanasi. The traditional Rainy-Season Retreat (Vassa) begins on the next day.

Pavāranā Day ·

This marks the end of the three-month *Vassa* retreat. In the following month, lay people may offer the Kathina-robe as part of a general alms-giving ceremony.

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\* 16: Ajahn Chah Memorial Day

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