

Religious festivals, cultural observances and inclusion dates 2020

Main religious festivals 2020

January 6 (Monday) - Epiphany - Christian

February 10 (Monday) - Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day) - Jewish

February 21 (Friday) - Maha Shivaratri - Hindu

February 25 (Tuesday) - Shrove Tuesday / Carnival

February 26 (Wednesday) - Ash Wednesday / Carnival

March 10 (Tuesday) - Holi - Hindu

March 10 (Tuesday) - Purim - Jewish

March 22 (Sunday) - Isra and Mi'raj

April 5 (Sunday) - Palm Sunday - Christian

April 9 (Thursday) - Maundy Thursday - Christian

April 9 (Thursday) First day of passover - Jewish

April 11 (Saturday) - Holy Saturday - Christian

April 12 (Sunday) - Easter Sunday - Christian

April 16 (Thursday) - Last day of passover - Jewish

April 21 (Tuesday)- Yom HaShoah - Jewish

April 24 (Sunday) - Eid ul Fitr - Muslim

May 29 (Friday) - Shavout - Jewish

May 31 (Sunday) - Pentecost

July 30 (Thursday) - Tisha B'Av - Jewish

August 3 (Monday) - Raksha Bandana - Hindu

August 11 (Tuesday) - Janmashtami - Hindu

August 20 (Thursday) - Muharram/Islamic New Year

August 22 (Saturday) - Ganesh Chaturthi - Hindu

August 29 (Saturday) - Muslim

September 19 (Saturday) - Rosh Hashanah - Jewish

September 28 (Monday) - Yom Kippur - Jewish

October 3 (Saturday) - First day of Sukkoth - Jewish

October 9 (Friday) - Hoshana Rabbah - Jewish

October 10 (Saturday) - Shemini Atzeret - Jewish

October 11 (Sunday) - Simchat Torah - Jewish

October 17 (Saturday) - Navaratri - Hindu

October 25 (Sunday) - Dussehra - Hindu

October 29 (Thursday) - Milad un Nabi (Mawlid) - Muslim

November 1 (Sunday) - All Saints' Day - Christian

November 2 (Monday) - All Souls' Day - Christian

November 14 (Saturday) - Diwali/Deepavali - Hindu

December 11 (Friday) - First day of Hanukkah - Jewish

December 18 (Friday) - Last day of Hanukkah – Jewish

December 25 (Friday) - Christmas Day - Christian

Cultural observances

January 25 (Saturday) - Burns Night

January 25 (Saturday) - Chinese New Year

February 14 (Friday) - Valentine's Day

March 1 (Sunday) - St David's Day

March 22 (Sunday) - Mothering Sunday

April 22 (Wednesday) - Stephen Lawrence Day

April 23 (Thursday) - St George's Day – England

June (Sunday) – Father's Day

October 31 (Saturday) - Halloween

November 5 (Thursday) - Guy Fawkes Day

November 8 (Sunday) - Remembrance Sunday

December 24 (Thursday) - Christmas Eve

December 31 (Thursday) - New Year's Eve

Inclusion dates:

February - LGBT History Month

April 2nd (Thursday) – World Autism Awareness Day

April 7th (Tuesday) – World Health Day

May 13th (Wednesday) - Staff Networks Day

May 17th (Sunday) IDAHO (International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia)

October 10th (Saturday) - World Mental Health Day

October - Black History Month

December 1st (Tuesday) - World AIDS Day

December 3rd (Thursday) - International Day of Persons with Disabilities