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2014 • 2557

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LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS ● ◐ ○ ◑

These days are regularly devoted to quiet reflection at the monastery.
The dates for the lunar calendar are determined by traditional methods of calculation
and are not always on the same day as the astronomical occurrences.

THE MAJOR FULL MOON DAYS FOR 2014 / 2557

Māgha Pūjā · 14 February ('Sangha Day')

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

Vesākha Pūjā · 13 May ('Buddha Day')

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

Āsāḷhā Pūjā · 11 July ('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.

Pavāraṇā Day · 8 October

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

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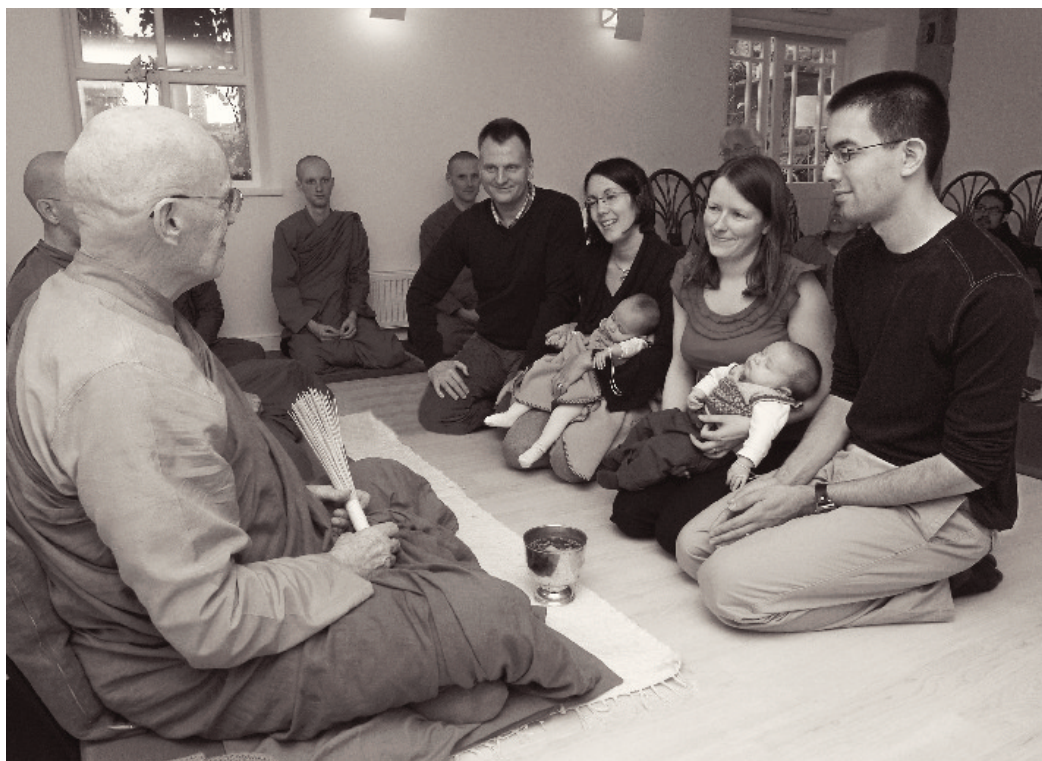
The essence of Buddhism is peace, and that peace arises
from truly knowing the nature of all things.

January

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^{*} Ajahn Chah Memorial Day



Once we are free, whatever our situation may be,
we won't have to suffer. If we have children, we won't have to suffer.
If we work, we won't have to suffer.

February

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Practising generosity cleanses our hearts of selfishness;
our mind grows in compassion and caring towards all living beings.

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There is one essential point that all good practice must eventually come to,
and that is not clinging. In the end,
all teachings and teachers must be let go of.

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Everything you use in this life is support for the practice.
If your dwelling place is an utter mess then your mind will be the same.

May

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We are taught first to abandon evil and establish that which is good.
Then we must transcend good and evil.

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* Ajahn Chah's Birthday



Walking the path, don't be careless. Even if you are right, don't be careless.
If you are wrong, don't be careless.

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* Āsālhā Pūjā, † Vassa begins



This is the way practice should proceed:
firstly, we need to be upright and honest; secondly, to be wary of wrongdoing;
and thirdly, to have a heart imbued with humility.

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Dhamma practice means upholding virtue, developing samādhi and
cultivating wisdom in our hearts. Reflect on the Triple Gem.
Strive on with sincerity.

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Whatever virtues have been cultivated are imperfect if lacking in mindfulness.
Mindfulness is life. It is a cause for the arising
of self-awareness and wisdom.

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Birth, ageing, illness, and death: these are universal truths.
 See this clearly, acknowledge these facts
 and you will be able to let go.

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After awakening, the Buddha and his disciples still maintained their practice.
Effort was their way, their natural habit. I think we should take
their example as a model for our practice.

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¹Ajahn Chah Memorial Day, ²Māgha Pūjā, ³Vesākha Pūjā,
⁴Ajahn Chah's Birthday, ⁵Āsāḷhā Pūjā, ⁶Vassa begins, ⁷Pavāraṇā

January

Lake Tahoe, USA



February

Luang Por Sumedho giving a baby blessing, Wat Aruna Ratanagiri, UK



March

Ajahn Ñāṇarato, Nara Park, Japan



April

Ajahn Candasiri on alms-round (*piṇḍapāta*), while visiting Wat Nanachat, Thailand



May

Ajahn Gavesako doing *kuṭṭi* maintenance, Wat Cittaviveka, UK



June

Sāmaṇera Kovido receiving his alms-bowl during *upasampadā*, Wat Santacittarama, Italy



July

Ajahn Khemasiri and friends, near Wat Dhammapala, Switzerland



August

Luang Por Boonchoo receiving offerings from Ajahn Chandapālo, Wat Santacittarama, Italy



September

Luang Por Ṭiradhammo on alms-round (*piṇḍapāta*), Santaloka Hermitage, Italy



October

Kathina 2012, Wat Amaravati, UK



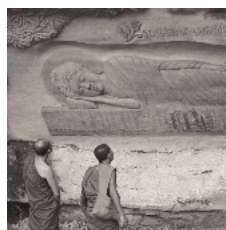
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Funeral process for Luang Por, Tan Chao Khun Mahamon



December

Viewing rock carving, Thailand



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