



Mary Aikenhead Ministries Significant Dates in our Story

“The mission of Mary Aikenhead Ministries is central to its task and calls forth a response through its multiple expressions. From this mission, carried out on behalf of the Church, the gospel values emerge. Mary Aikenhead Ministries identify **Love, Justice, Compassion and Hope** as central to its expression and witness of the gospel.” Leadership Framework Preamble

Mary Aikenhead Ministries acknowledge the ongoing heritage of the Sisters of Charity Australia, recognise particular days in the Catholic Church’s liturgical year and give special devotion to Patron and associated Feast Days. The Ministries, in their service and engagement across communities support a number of national and local events across the annual calendar.

The Trustees of Mary Aikenhead Ministries offer this reference list of dates to assist you in your planning. Dates accurate for the 2021 Liturgical Calendar. Please note, calendar dates are coloured coded in the following three categories:

- a) *Sisters of Charity of Australia*
- b) *MAM College & Health Patrons*
- c) *Acknowledged Major Church/Feast days*



SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR STORY

JANUARY 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1 Mother Mary of God	
3 Holy Family [first Sunday after Christmas]	
6 Epiphany	
19 Venerable Mary Aikenhead born 1797	
20 St Sebastian (patron of prisoners)	
21 Mater Hospital Foundation Day	

FEBRUARY 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
5 St Agatha of Sicily (patron of nurses)	
8 St Josephine Bakhita (Sudan, South Sudan and human-trafficking)	
11	World Day of the Sick
13	National Apology (13 February 2008)
17 Ash Wednesday	



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MARCH 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
8	International Women's Day
17 St Patrick	
18	Closing the Gap
19 St Joseph	
21	Harmony Day
25 Annunciation	
27	Earth Hour (8.30-9.30pm)

APRIL 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1 Holy Thursday	
4 Easter Sunday	
7 St John Baptist de la Salle (patron of teachers)	
9 Sr Xavier Williams - first Australian Sister professed - 1839	
12-16	National Youth Violence Prevention Week
25 Canonical Status granted for Mary Aikenhead Ministries - 2008	Anzac Day



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MAY 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1 St Peregrine (patron of cancer patients)	
9	Mother's Day
12 Florence Nightingale (patron of nurses)	International Nurses Day
13 Ascension	
17-23	National Volunteer Week
22 St Vincent's Private Hospital Toowoomba Foundation Day	
23 Pentecost	
24 Our Lady Help of Christians (patron of Australia)	
26	Sorry Day
27	Reconciliation Week [1967 Referendum - Mabo Decision] (27 May – 3 June)

JUNE 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
3 Corpus Christi	
9 St Columba	
20 Sisters of Charity arrive in Hobart (three Sisters) - 1847	
20-26	Refugee Week
29 St Peter and Paul	



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JULY 2021		
	SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1	Foundation of Mary Aikenhead Ministries - 2009	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee [NAIDOC] Week (1 st full week of July)
2	St Joseph's Hospital Auburn Foundation Day	
14	St Camillus de Lellis - Care for the Sick	
22	Mary Aikenhead Feast – death of Mary Aikenhead - 1858	
26	St Joachim and Anne	
30		World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
31	St Ignatius of Loyola	

AUGUST 2021		
	SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
4-10		Homelessness Prevention Week
7		Aged Care Employee Day
8	St Mary of the Cross McKillop (patron of Australia)	
13		Red Nose Day
15	The Assumption – Patronal Feast of Sisters of Charity, Australia	
16-22		Celebrating Aged Care Week
18	Sacred Heart Health Service Foundation Day	
22	Mary Aikenhead commences Sisters of Charity in Ireland - 1815	
23		Daffodil Day
29		Social Justice Sunday
30	St Jeanne Jugan: Little Sisters of the Poor (patron of the elderly)	



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SEPTEMBER 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1-30	Dementia Awareness Month - September
5	Father's Day
5-11	National Child Protection Week
8	Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday
10	R U OK? Day
27	St Vincent de Paul
29	St Michael

OCTOBER 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1	International Day of Older Persons
5	World Teachers Day
7	St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney Foundation Day
10	Prison Sunday
10-16	Anti-Poverty week
10-17	World Mental Health Week
11	International Day of the Girl Child
18	St Luke (patron of doctors)
24	St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane Foundation Day
25	CRA National Day of Sorrow and Promise
25-31	Pastoral/Spiritual Care Week



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NOVEMBER 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1 All Saints Day	
2 All Souls Day	
30 Foundation of the Sisters of Charity approved by Pope Pius VII - 1815	

DECEMBER 2021	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1	World AIDS Day
3 St Francis Xavier (patron of Australia)	
5	International Volunteer Day
8 The Immaculate Conception	
17 Pope Francis' birthday	
25 Christmas	
31 First Five Sisters of Charity arrive in Australia - 1838	