



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 2024 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 2024

SIGNIFICANT DATES

ACKNOWLEDGED DATES

29-Dec	Holy Family (first Sunday after Christmas)
1	Mother Mary of God
6	Epiphany
19	Venerable Mary Aikenhead born 1797
20	St Sebastian (patron of prisoners)
21	Mater Hospital Foundation Day

FEBRUARY 2024

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
14	Ash Wednesday	
13		National Apology (13 February 2008)
20		World Day of Social Justice

MARCH 2024

SIGNIFICANT DATES

ACKNOWLEDGED DATES

8		International Women's Day
17	St Patrick's Day	
20	St Joseph	
21		Harmony Day
21		Closing the Gap
23		Earth Hour (8.30-9.30pm)
28	Holy Thursday	
31	Easter Sunday	

APRIL 2024

SIGNIFICANT DATES

ACKNOWLEDGED DATES

8	Annunciation	
9	Sr Xavier Williams - first Australian Sister professed - 1839	
9	Canonical Status granted for Mary Aikenhead	
25	Ministries - 2008	Anzac Day
22-26		National Youth Violence Prevention Week

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR STORY

MAY 2024	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1 St Peregrine (patron of cancer patients)	
9 Ascension	
12 Florence Nightingale (patron of nurses)	International Nurses Day
12	Mother's Day
15 St John Baptist de la Salle (patron of teachers)	
19 Pentecost	
20-26	National Volunteer Week
St Vincent's Private Hospital Toowoomba	
22 Foundation Day	
Our Lady Help of Christians (patron of	
24 Australia)	
26	National Sorry Day
	Reconciliation Week (1967 Referendum -
27	Mabo Decision) 27 May - 3 June
30 Corpus Christi	

JUNE 2024	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
	Reconciliation Week (1967 Referendum -
3	Mabo Decision) 27 May - 3 June
9 St Columba	
16 Sacred Heart Health Service Foundation Day	
17-23	Refugee Week
Sisters of Charity arrive in Hobart (three Sisters) -	
20-26 1847	
25-27	Celebrating Aged Care Week
29 St Peter and Paul	

JULY 2024	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
Foundation of Mary Aikenhead Ministries -	
1 2009	
2 St Joseph's Hospital Auburn Foundation Day	
	National Aborigines and Islanders Day
7-14	Observance Committee [NAIDOC] Week
14 St Camillus de Lellis - Care for the Sick	
Mary Aikenhead Feast - death of Mary	
22 Aikenhead - 1858	
26 St Joachim and Anne	
30	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
31 St Ignatius of Loyola	

AUGUST 2024	
SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
5-11	Homelessness Prevention Week
7	Aged Care Employee Day
8 St Mary of the Cross McKillop (patron of Australia)	
9	Red Nose Day
The Assumption - Patronal Feast of Sisters of Charity,	
15 Australia	
Mary Aikenhead commences Sisters of Charity in	
22 Ireland - 1815	
St Jeanne Jugan: Little Sisters of the Poor (patron of	
30 the elderly)	
31	Daffodil Day

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR STORY

SEPTMEBER 2024

SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1-30	Dementia Awareness Month - September
1	Father's Day
3-9	National Child Protection Week
8	Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday
12	R U Ok? Day
27	St Vincent de Paul
29	St Michael

OCTOBER 2024

SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1-31	Mental Health Month
1	International Day of Older Persons
7	St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney Foundation Day
10	World Mental Health Day
13-19	Anti-Poverty week
11	International Day of the Girl Child
18	St Luke (patron of doctors)
20	CRA National Day of Sorrow and Promise
24	St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane Foundation Day
25	World Teachers Day
28-31	Pastoral and Spiritual Care Week

NOVEMBER 2024

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

DECEMBER 2024

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