



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 2025

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 2025

SIGNIFICANT DATES

ACKNOWLEDGED DATES

5	St Agatha of Sicily (patron of nurses)	
5	Ash Wednesday	
8	St Josephine Bakhita (Sudan, South Sudan and human-trafficking)	
11		World Day of the Sick
13		National Apology (13 February 2008)
20		World Day of Social Justice

MARCH 2025

SIGNIFICANT DATES

ACKNOWLEDGED DATES

8		International Women's Day
17	St Patrick's Day	
19	St Joseph's Day	
20		National Close the Gap Day
21		Harmony Day
22		Earth Hour (8.30-9.30pm)
25	Annunciation	

APRIL 2025

SIGNIFICANT DATES

ACKNOWLEDGED DATES

9	Sr Xavier Williams - first Australian Sister professed - 1839	
17	Holy Thursday	
20	Easter Sunday	
25	Canonical Status granted for Mary Aikenhead Ministries - 2008	Anzac Day
28 Apr - 2 May		National Youth Violence Prevention Week

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR STORY

MAY 2025

SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1 St Peregrine (patron of cancer patients)	
11	Mother's Day
12 Florence Nightingale (patron of nurses)	International Nurses Day
15 St John Baptist de la Salle (patron of teachers)	
19-25	National Volunteer Week
22 St Vincent's Private Hospital Toowoomba Foundation Day	
24 Our Lady Help of Christians (patron of Australia)	
26	National Sorry Day Reconciliation Week (1967 Referendum - Mabo Decision) 27 May - 3 June
27	
29 Ascension	

JUNE 2025

SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
3	Reconciliation Week (1967 Referendum - Mabo Decision) 27 May - 3 June
8 Pentecost	
9 St Columba	
16 Sacred Heart Health Service Foundation Day	
15-21	Refugee Week
19 Corpus Christi	
20-26 Sisters of Charity arrive in Hobart (three Sisters) - 1847	
25-27	Celebrating Aged Care Week
29 St Peter and Paul	

JULY 2025

SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1 Foundation of Mary Aikenhead Ministries - 2009	
2 St Joseph's Hospital Auburn Foundation Day	
6-13	National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee [NAIDOC] Week
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 2025

SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
4-10	Homelessness Prevention Week
7	Aged Care Employee Day
9	Red Nose Day
8 St Mary of the Cross McKillop (patron of Australia)	
15 The Assumption - Patronal Feast of Sisters of Charity, Australia	
22 Mary Aikenhead commences Sisters of Charity in Ireland - 1815	Daffodil Day
30 St Jeanne Jugan: Little Sisters of the Poor (patron of the elderly)	

SIGNIFICANT DATES IN OUR STORY

SEPTMEBER 2025

SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1-30	World Alzeihmer's Month
7	Father's Day
1--7	National Child Protection Week
8	Blessed Virgin Mary's birthday
11	R U Ok? Day
21	World Alzeihmer's Day
27	St Vincent de Paul
29	St Michael

NOVEMBER 2025

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

OCTOBER 2025

SIGNIFICANT DATES	ACKNOWLEDGED DATES
1-31	Mental Health Month
1	International Day of Older Persons
5	World Teachers' Day
7	St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney Foundation Day
10	World Mental Health Day
12-18	Anti-Poverty week
11	International Day of the Girl Child
18	St Luke (patron of doctors)
TBA	CRA National Day of Sorrow and Promise
24	St Vincent's Private Hospital Brisbane Foundation Day
19-25	Pastoral and Spiritual Care Week

DECEMBER 2025

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