

# Forest Sangha Calendar

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2013 - 2556

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#### LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS ● ● ○ ●

These days are devoted to quiet reflection at the monastery. Visitors may come and take the Precepts for the day and join in all or part of the extended evening meditation.

The dates for the lunar calendar are determined by traditional methods of calculation, and are not always the same as the precise astronomical occurrences.

#### THE MAJOR FULL-MOON DAYS FOR 2013-2556

*Māgha Pūjā*: February 25 ('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*: May 24 ('Buddha Day')

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

*Āsāḷhā Pūjā*: July 22 ('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*: October 19

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

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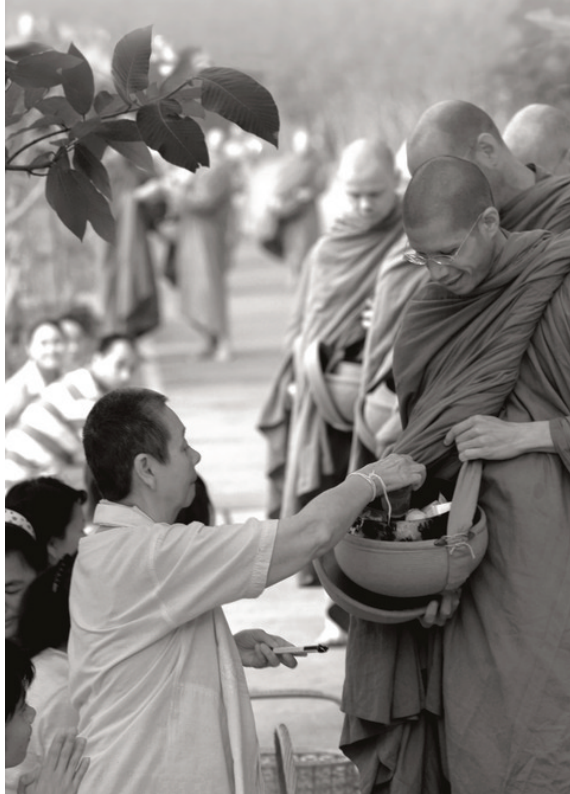


“There is no end to what can be said about meditation.  
 There is so much that can make us doubt.  
 Just keep sweeping all doubts out  
 until there are no doubts left,  
 only peace and ease.”

## January 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4		6
7	8	9	10		12	13
14	15	16 <sup>*</sup>	17	18		20
21	22	23	24	25		27
28	29	30	31			

*\* Ajahn Chah Memorial Day*



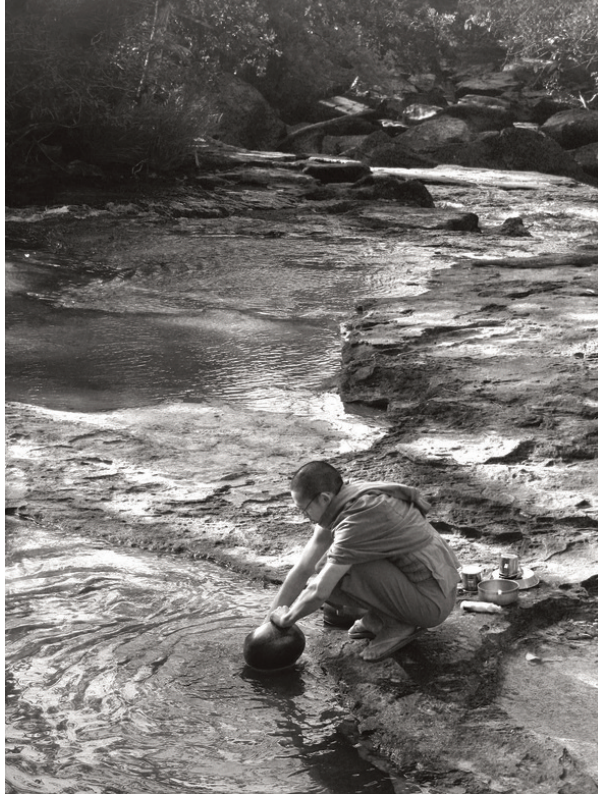
"You are here today because your mother and father  
have helped you in so many ways.  
You owe them a vast debt of gratitude."

## February 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	☾
4	5	6	7	8	9	●
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
☾	19	20	21	22	23	24
○*	26	27	28			

\* Māgha Pūjā





“Don’t see doing the dishes or cleaning the toilet as doing a favour for someone else. There is Dhamma in all of these activities, not only when you are sitting cross-legged and still.”

## March 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	2	3
4	●	6	7	8	9	10
●	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	●	20	21	22	23	24
25	○	27	28	29	30	31



“When we perform our various duties well,  
we feel at peace. When we feel at peace in our work  
it’s easy to feel at peace in meditation; they go hand in hand.”





## April 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	●	4	5	6	7
8	9	●	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	●	19	20	21
22	23	24	○	26	27	28
29	30					



“The training leads us to live together harmoniously;  
the community runs smoothly. Please work together,  
cooperate and live in harmony. This should be  
what you bequeath to those coming after you.”

## May 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
		1	2		4	5
6	7	8		10	11	12
13	14	15	16		18	19
20	21	22	23		25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

\*Vesākha Pūjā



“The Buddha had loving-kindness for all beings. He led men and women to go forth to practise, to realize and spread the Dhamma, showing people how to live happily in their daily lives.”

## June 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						2
3	4	5	6	7		9
10	11	12	13	14	15	
17*	18	19	20	21	22	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

\* Ajahn Chah's Birthday





“Use Dhamma to find happiness.

Whether right or wrong, don’t cling blindly to any experience.

Simply notice it and lay it down. When the heart is at ease then you can smile.”

## July 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
●◐	2	3	4	5	6	●
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
●◐	16	17	18	19	20	21
○*	23 <sup>†</sup>	24	25	26	27	28
29	●◐	31				

\* Āsāḥā Pūjā, † Vassa begins



"Of all the qualities we develop in our lives,  
patient endurance is the most important."

## August 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
			1	2	3	4
5	●	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	●	15	16	17	18
19	20	○	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	●	30	31	



“Only when you understand that which is  
beyond both happiness and suffering  
will you find true peace.”

## September 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
						1
2	3	●	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	●	13	14	15
16	17	18	○	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	●	28	29
30						



"We travel along the path of discipline, concentration and wisdom  
until we find the blessings of purity, radiance and peacefulness;  
these are the fruits of the journey."

## October 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	●	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	●	13
14	15	16	17	18	○*	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	●
28	29	30	31			

\* Pavāraṇā





“You don’t find peace on a mountain or in a cave;  
you can travel to the place of the Buddha’s enlightenment  
without getting closer to enlightenment.  
What matters is being aware wherever you are, whatever you’re doing.”

## November 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
				1	●	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	●
11	12	13	14	15	16	○
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
●	26	27	28	29	30	



"When the mind is radiant and has given up evil,  
there is ease at all times. The serene and peaceful heart  
is the true epitome of human achievement."

## December 2013/2556

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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●	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	●	11	12	13	14	15
16	○	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	●	26	27	28	29
30	31					

### January

Sweeping the monastery,  
Wat Ratanawan,  
Thailand.



### February

Offering and receiving  
almsfood, Wat Pah  
Nanachat, Thailand.



### March

Bowl-washing while  
dwelling in the forest,  
Thailand.



### April

Robe-washing, Wat Pah  
Nanachat, Thailand.



### May

Consecration ceremony  
of a new Buddha image,  
Wat Pah Nanachat,  
Thailand.



### June

The Sangha recognizes  
the appointment of  
Ajahns Amaro and  
Chandapalo as  
Preceptors (*upajjhāya*).



### July

Siladharas following  
Sister Khemaka's  
ordination at Amaravati,  
UK.



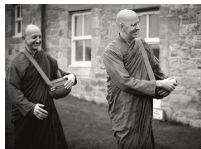
### August

Building a stupa at  
Vimutti Monastery,  
New Zealand.



### September

Ajahns Munindo and  
Amaro on alms-round  
(*piṇḍapāṭa*) at Aruna  
Ratanagiri, UK.



### October

A blessing ceremony.



### November

Contemplation at  
Yosemite, USA.



### December

Amaravati Temple in  
winter, UK.



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