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LUNAR OBSERVANCE DAYS

These are days 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 observances are determined by a traditional method of calculation, and are not always the same dates as the precise astronomical occurrences.

THE MAJOR FULL-MOON DAYS OF 2005 / 2548 - 49

Magha Puja   Feb 23  (‘Sangha Day’)
Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1250 arahants, to whom the Buddha gave the exhortation on the basis of the discipline (Ovada Patimokkha).

Vesakha Puja (Wesak)  May 22  (‘Buddha Day’)
Commemorates the birth, enlightenment and passing away of the Buddha.

Asalha Puja   July 21  (‘Dhamma Day’)
Commemorates the Buddha’s first discourse, given to the five samanas in the Deer Park at Sarnath, near Varanasi. The traditional Rainy-Season Retreat (Vassa) begins on the next day.

Pavarana Day  October 18
This marks the end of the three-month Vassa-retreat. In the following month, lay people may offer the Kathina-robe as part of a general alms-giving ceremony.

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**January**

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With an image of liberation as the goal, the wise abandon darkness and cherish light, leave petty security behind and seek freedom from attachment. To pursue such release is difficult and rare, yet the wise will seek it, detaching themselves from obstructions, purifying heart and mind.

*Dhammapada* v. 87-88

Ajahn Jutindharo – Santacittarama – Italy
Just as family and friends joyfully welcome home loved ones returned from afar, so their own good deeds welcome those that have done them as they go from this life to the next.

_Dhammapada v. 219-220_
It is wise to set ourselves right before instructing others.

Dhammapada v. 158
A single day lived in awareness of the transient nature of life is of greater value than a hundred years lived unaware of birth and death.

Dhammapada v. 113
As a beautiful flower with a delightful fragrance is pleasing, so is wise and lovely speech when matched with right action.

Dhammapada v. 52
Having performed a wholesome act
it is good to repeat it.
Enjoy the pleasure of its memory.
The fruit of goodness is contentment.

Dhammapada v. 118
Even those who live wholesome lives can experience suffering so long as their acts have not yet borne direct fruits. However, when the fruits of their actions ripen the joyful consequences cannot be avoided.

Dhammapada v. 120

Sister Anandabodhi and Ajahn Vayama
Be careful what you say, restrained in what you think, and impeccable in how you act. Purifying these three aspects will take you along the way of the sages.

Dhammapada v. 281
As water falls from a lotus leaf
so sorrow drops from those
who are free of toxic craving.

Dhammapada v. 336
Self-mastery is the supreme victory – much more to be valued than winning control over others. It is a victory that no other being whatsoever can distort or take away.

Dhammapada v. 104 - 105
Disciples of the Buddha are fully awake both day and night taking delight in compassion.

Dhammapada v. 300
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**December**

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Let go of the past.  
Let go of the future.  
Let go of the present.  
With a heart that is free  
cross over to that shore  
which is beyond suffering.

Dhammapada v. 348

Ajahn Sucitto, Ajahn Sumedho and Ajahn Munindo
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