

MARCH

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ST. DAVID'S DAY

Sacred to Wales: leeks, daffodils, Welsh cakes.

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ST. PIRAN'S DAY

Sacred to Cornwall: Cornish saffron buns.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS AT 2 AM;

LAETARE SUNDAY, MOTHERING SUNDAY;

RAMADAN BEGINS AT MOONRISE

Clocks spring forward one hour. Ramadan focuses on humility, patience, and prayer.

At Laetare Sunday, the midpoint of Lent, joyful rose replaces penitential purple.

In the UK, this brings Mother's Day.

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ST. URHO'S DAY

The Finns of Lake Worth today honor Urho, who drove the grasshoppers from Finland.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Sacred to Ireland: shamrocks and soda bread.

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VERNAL EQUINOX AT 11:06 PM EDT;

NOWRUZ; ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

Across the planet: balance of day and night.

Nowruz is the new year celebration of Iran, Central Asia, and the Balkans. San Giuseppe is sacred to Italy, where today is Father's Day.

To celebrate, we eat *zeppole*!

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PURIM BEGINS AT SUNSET

Costumes, graggers, and *hamantaschen*.



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PALM SUNDAY

Entrance to Holy Week.

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HOLI BEGINS AT SUNSET;

LADY DAY, FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

The angel Gabriel visits Mary; it is nine months 'til Christmas, and in Sweden, this brings *Våffeldagen*: Waffle Day! Holi is the Hindu springtime festival of color.

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HOLY THURSDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY

Tradition would have us visit three churches tonight to sit quietly in the close and holy darkness.

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GOOD FRIDAY

A solemn day of prayer and fasting as we remember the Passion of Christ.

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EASTER SUNDAY

Highest holy day of the Christian calendar.

Easter continues to Pentecost in May.