

# KNOX INTER-FAITH NETWORK



2011

work together  
with respect  
understanding  
neighbours  
community  
in dialogue

## Purpose Statement

The Knox Inter-faith Network's object is to provide a forum to encourage proper understanding of faith communities in the City of Knox so that each faith community and the community generally may be good neighbours living together in common humanity.

## 2011 meeting dates at Knox City Council

Day	Date	Subject
Monday	07/02	Annual General Meeting
Monday	04/04	
Monday	06/06	
Monday	25/07	
Monday	03/10	
Monday	28/11	Joint meeting with Knox Multicultural Advisory Committee

Presence at **Knox Festival** – under the theme “Creative Communities” – on the weekend of 05-06/03 at the Wally Tew Reserve in Ferntree Gully.

World faiths have for centuries celebrated key events or aspects of their religious tradition. These significant moments, celebrated each so differently, all converge in their shared belief in something both within and transcendent of this world. Whatever your faith, tradition, customs, language and heritage, celebrations are a defining part of our Australian identity and history. In Victoria, people practice more than 120 faiths, which means there are many significant events each year that are acknowledged.

George Lekakis AO (former chair Victorian Multicultural Commission)

This calendar was prepared using information contained on the websites of the Victorian Multicultural Commission (<http://www.multicultural.vic.gov.au/images/stories/pdf/1049%20interfaith%20calendar%202011%20for%20web.pdf>) and the Queensland Government Indigenous Lead Centre ([http://www.tnqit.indigenouslead.tafe.qld.gov.au/resources/pdf/cultural\\_awareness\\_calender.pdf](http://www.tnqit.indigenouslead.tafe.qld.gov.au/resources/pdf/cultural_awareness_calender.pdf)).

# January 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Birthday of Guru Har Rai Sikh					1 Mary, Mother of God Catholic Christian Feast of St Basil Greek Orthodox Christian Naming/Circumcision of Jesus Christian Buddha's Enlightenment Day Mahayana Buddhist
2 Epiphany Catholic Christian	3	4	5 Twelfth Night Christian Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sikh	6 Epiphany Christian Theophany Greek Orthodox Christian 1st of Safar Muslim 1st day of Shevat Jewish	7 Christmas Slavic Orthodox Christian	8
9 Baptism of Jesus Christian	10	11	12	13	14 New Year Slavic Orthodox Christian Makarr Sankranti Hindu	15
16	17	18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18–25) Christian	19 Mahayana New Year (19–21) Buddhist Theophany Slavic Orthodox Christian	20 Tu B'shvat* Jewish	21	22
23	24	25 Conversion of St Paul Christian	26 Australia Day/Survival Day A&TSI	27	28	29

# February 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN) (1-7) Interfaith	<b>2</b> Candlemas Christian Presentation of Christ in the Temple Greek Orthodox and Anglican Christian	<b>3</b> Chinese New Year Buddhist Birthday of Maitreya Buddha Mahayana Buddhist	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1st day of month of Adar I Jewish 1st of Rabi al-Awal Muslim
<b>6</b> Four Chaplains Sunday Interfaith Tridion begins Greek Orthodox Christian	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Vasant Panchami** Hindu	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> National Apology Day A&TSI	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Paranirvana – Nirvana Day** Buddhist	<b>16</b> Mawlid an Nabi (The Prophet's Birthday)* ** Muslim	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Magha Puja Day (Sangha Day)** Theravada Buddhist	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Christian	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Intercalary Days (26-1 March) Baha'i
<b>27</b> Meatfare Sunday Greek Orthodox Christian	<b>28</b>					

# March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> St David of Wales Christian	<b>2</b> 4 Chaplains Sunday Christian/Jewish Interfaith 19 Day Fast (2–21) Baha'i Maha Shivratri Hindu	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Losar Tibetan New Year (5–19) Tibetan Buddhist
<b>6</b> Cheesefare Sunday Greek Orthodox Christian Transfiguration Protestant Christian	<b>7</b> Clean Monday – Great Lent begins All Orthodox Christians 1st day of month of Adar II Jewish 1st of Rabi al-Thani Muslim	<b>8</b> Shrove Tuesday Christian	<b>9</b> Ash Wednesday – Lent begins (9 March–16 April) Christian	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> Orthodox Sunday All Orthodox Christians	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> St Joseph's Day Christian Holi Festival* * Hindu
<b>20</b> Purim* Jewish Hola Mohalla Sikh	<b>21</b> Baha'i New Year (Naw Ruz) Baha'i Harmony Day (Elimination of Racial Discrimination Day) A&TSI	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Birthday of Guan Yin (Compassion) Avalokiteshvara Mahayana Buddhist	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Christian	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

# April 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 <b>New Year**</b> Hindu <b>Ramayana (4-12)</b> Hindu	5 <b>Qingming</b> Chinese traditional <b>1st day of month of Nisan</b> Jewish	6 <b>1st of Jumad al-Ula</b> Muslim	7 <b>The Annunciation</b> Slavic Orthodox Christian	8	9
10	11	12 <b>Ramanavami**</b> Hindu	13	14 <b>Vaisakhi**</b> Sikh	15	16 <b>Lazarus Saturday</b> All Orthodox Christians
17 <b>Palm/Passion Sunday</b> Christian	18 <b>Theravadin New Year**</b> (18-21) Buddhist <b>Lord's Evening Meal</b> Jehovah's Witness Christian <b>Hanuman Jayan ti**</b> Hindu <b>Birthday of Gurus Tegh Bahadur and Angad Dev</b> Sikh	19 <b>Pesach (Passover)</b> (19-26) Jewish	20	21 <b>Declaration of Baha'u'llah (Festival of Ridvan)</b> Baha'i <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Christian	22 <b>Good (Holy) Friday</b> Christian	23 <b>St George's Day</b> Christian
24 <b>Easter – Pascha</b> Christian	25 <b>St Mark, Apostle and Evangelist</b> Christian	26	27	28	29 <b>Ninth Day of Ridvan*</b> Baha'i	30 <b>St James the Great Day</b> All Orthodox Christians

# May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Yom HaSho'ah*</b> Jewish <b>National Day of Prayer (USA)</b> Interfaith	<b>2</b> <b>Twelfth Day of Ridvan*</b> Baha'i <b>Birthday of Sri Guru Arjan Dev</b> Sikh	<b>3</b> <b>St Philip the Apostle</b> Christian <b>St James the Lesser</b> Christian	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>National Day of Prayer</b> Interfaith USA <b>1st of Jumad al-Thani</b> Muslim <b>1st day of month of Iyar</b> Jewish	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Yom Ha'Atzmaut*</b> Jewish	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Buddha Day – Visakha Puja**</b> Buddhist	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>St Konstantine and Helen</b> Greek Orthodox Christian
<b>22</b> <b>Lag B'Omer*</b> Jewish	<b>23</b> <b>Declaration of the Bab*</b> Baha'i <b>Birthday of Guru Amar Das</b> Sikh	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>National Sorry Day (Recommendation of Stolen Generation Report); National Reconciliation Week (26–3 June)</b> A&TSI	<b>27</b> <b>Amendments to the Constitution regarding Aboriginal people (Referendum)</b> A&TSI	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>Ascension of Baha'u'llah*</b> Baha'i	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

# June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Ascension of Christ All Orthodox Christians Ascension of Jesus Christian	<b>3</b> 1st day of month of Sivan Jewish Mabo Day A&TSI	<b>4</b> 1st of Rajab Muslim
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Week of Prayer of Christian Unity (6–12) Christian (Australia)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Shavuot* (8–9) Jewish	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> St Barnabas Catholic and Anglican Christians
<b>12</b> Pentecost (Whitsunday) Christian	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Guru Arjan Dev Martyrdom Sikh	<b>17</b> Laura Festival (17- 19) A&TSI	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> All Saints Day Greek Orthodox Christian Trinity Sunday Christian	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Corpus Christi Catholic Christian	<b>24</b> St John the Baptist Christian	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Lailat al Miraj (The Prophet's Ascension)* ** Muslim Saints Peter and Paul Martyrdom Christian	<b>30</b>		

# July 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					<b>1</b> <b>Coming of the Light Festival</b> A&TSI <b>Sacred Heart of Jesus</b> Catholic Christian <b>The Coming of the Light</b> Anglican Christian (mostly Pacific Islands)	2
<b>3</b> <b>Nat. Aboriginal and Islander Day of Celebration (NAIDOC) Week (3-10)</b> A&TSI <b>1st of Shaban</b> Muslim <b>1st day of the month of Tammuz</b> Jewish	4	<b>5</b> <b>Birthday of Guru Hargobind</b> Sikh	<b>6</b> <b>Birthday of Tenzin Gyatso, 14th Dalai Lama</b> Buddhist	7	8	<b>9</b> <b>Martyrdom of the Bab*</b> Baha'i
10	<b>11</b> <b>St Benedict Day</b> Catholic Christian	<b>12</b> <b>Saints Peter and Paul</b> Slavic Orthodox Christian	<b>13</b> <b>Ulambana**</b> Buddhist	14	<b>15</b> <b>Lailat al Bara'ah* **</b> Muslim <b>Asalha Puja Day**</b> Buddhist <b>Wan Khao Phansa (Entering Rains Retreat)</b> Theravada Buddhist <b>St Vladimir Day</b> Greek Orthodox Christian <b>Guru Purnima</b> Hindu	16
<b>17</b> <b>Lailat al Bara'a (Night of Emancipation)</b> Muslim	18	<b>19</b> <b>Fast of 17th Tammuz*</b> Jewish <b>Enlightenment Day of Guan Yin (Compassion) Avalokiteshvara</b> Mahayana Buddhist	20	21	<b>22</b> <b>Feast of St Mary Magdalene</b> Catholic and Anglican Christian	<b>23</b> <b>Birthday of Emperor Haile Selassie</b> Rastafari <b>Birthday of Guru Har Krishen</b> Sikh
<b>24</b> <b>Pioneer Day Mormon</b> Christian	<b>25</b> <b>St James the Great Day Christian</b> <b>Khordad Sal (Qadimi)</b> Zoroastrian	26	27	<b>28</b> <b>St Vladimir Day</b> Slavic Orthodox Christian	29	30

# August 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <b>Loaf Mass Day</b> Christian <b>Fast in honor of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus</b> Greek Orthodox Christian <b>Ramadan begins* **</b> Muslim <b>1st day of the month of Av</b> Jewish	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day</b> A&TSI	<b>5</b> <b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b> Greek Orthodox Christian <b>Transfiguration Sunday</b> Christian	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>International Day of the World's Indigenous People</b> A&TSI <b>Tisha B'Av*</b> Jewish	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Raksha Bandhan**</b> Hindu
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Catholic and Anglican Christian <b>Dormition of the Theotokos</b> Greek Orthodox Christian	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Birthday of Marcus Garvey</b> Rastafari	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> Slavic Orthodox Christian <b>Jamshedi Noruz (Shenshai)</b> Zoroastrian	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Krishna Janmashtami**</b> Hindu	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>St Batholomew Day</b> Christian <b>Khordad Sal (Shenshai)</b> Zoroastrian	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Lailat al Kadr (Night of Destiny)* **</b> Muslim	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Our Lady's Dormition</b> Slavic Orthodox Christian	<b>29</b> <b>Beheading of St John the Baptist</b> Christian	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Eid al Fitr* **</b> Muslim <b>1st day of the month of Elul</b> Jewish			

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
September: Torres Strait Islands Culture Festival (every 2nd year) A&TSI				<b>1</b> <b>Ganesh Chaturthi**</b> Hindu <b>Ecclesiastical New Year</b> Greek Orthodox Christian	<b>2</b> <b>The Martyrs of New Guinea</b> Anglican Christian	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary</b> Christian <b>Feast of Nativity of the Theotokos</b> Greek Orthodox Christian	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Pitra Paksha (13–27)</b> Hindu	<b>14</b> <b>Elevation of the Life Giving Cross</b> Greek Orthodox Christian <b>Holy Cross Day</b> Christian	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Nativity of the Mother of God</b> Slavic Orthodox Christian <b>Feast of St Matthew</b> Catholic and Anglican Christian	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Elevation of the Life Giving Cross</b> Slavic Orthodox Christian	<b>28</b> <b>Navaratri**</b> (28–Oct 5) Hindu	<b>29</b> <b>Rosh Hashana*</b> (29–30) Jewish <b>Michael and All Angels</b> Christian <b>1st of Zul-Qida</b> Muslim	<b>30</b>	

# October 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Reformation Day** Protestant Christian	31 All Hallows' Eve Christian					1
2	3	4 St Francis Day Catholic Christian	5	6 Vijaya Dashmi Hindu Holy Apostle St Thomas Day Greek Orthodox Christian	7	8 Yom Kippur* Jewish
9 Birthday of Guru Ram Das Sikh	10	11	12 Pavarana Day (end of rains) and Kathina Ceremony (robe offering) Theravada Buddhist	13 Sukkot* (13-14) Jewish	14 Protection of the Mother of God Slavic Orthodox Christian	15 Renunciation Day of Guan Yin (Compassion) Avalokiteshvara Mahayana Buddhist
16	17	18 St Luke, Apostle and Evangelist Christian	19	20 Birth of the Bab* Baha'i Shemini Atzeret* Jewish Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth Sikh	21 Simhat Torah* Jewish	22
23	24	25 Lakshmi Puja Hindu	26 Diwali** Jain, Hindu St Dimitrios Greek Orthodox Christian	27	28 1st of Zul-Hijja Muslim Simon and Jude Anglican Christian	29 1st day of the month of Heshvan Jewish

# November 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> All Saints' Day Christian	<b>2</b> All Souls' Day Christian Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie I Rastafari	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Hajj* (4-7) Muslim	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> Eid al Adha (Feast of Sacrifice)* ** Muslim	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> St Michael the Archangel and All the Heavenly Host Greek Orthodox Christian	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Birthday of Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Sikh	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Birth of Baha'u'llah* Baha'i
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Nativity Fast begins (through Dec 24) Greek Orthodox Christian	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Christ the King Christian	<b>21</b> St Michael the Archangel and All the Heavenly Host Slavic Orthodox Christian	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom Sikh	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Day of the Covenant* Baha'i
<b>27</b> Hijra – New Year* ** Muslim First Sunday of Advent Christian 1st day of month of Kislev Jewish	<b>28</b> Ascension of Abdu'l- Baha Baha'i	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> St Andrew's Day Christian			

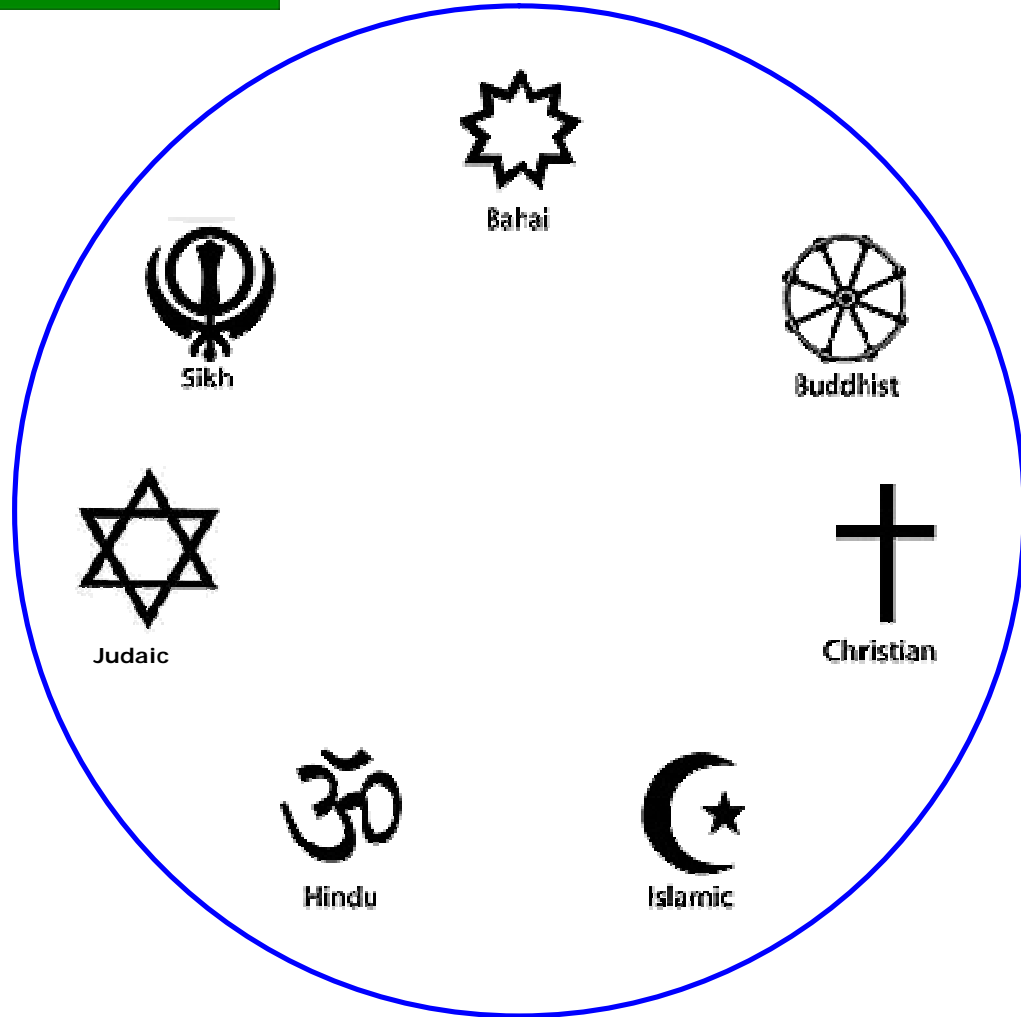
# December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b> <b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Christian <b>Presentation of the Mother of God in the Temple</b> Slavic Orthodox Christian	<b>5</b> <b>Ashura* **</b> Muslim	<b>6</b> <b>St Nicholas Day</b> Christian	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Bodhi Day (Rohatsu)**</b> Buddhism <b>Immaculate Conception of Virgin Mary</b> Catholic Christian	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Human Rights Day</b> A&TSI
<b>11</b> <b>Third Sunday of Advent</b> Christian <b>Birthday of Amitaba Buddha</b> Mahayana Buddhist	<b>12</b> <b>Feast Day – Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> Catholic Christian	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Christian	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Hanukkah* (21–28)</b> Jewish <b>St Thomas Day</b> Catholic and Anglican Christian	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <b>Christmas*</b> Christian <b>Feast of the Nativity</b> Greek Orthodox Christian	<b>26</b> <b>St Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</b> Christian <b>1st of Safar</b> Muslim	<b>27</b> <b>1st day of the month of Tevet</b> Jewish <b>St John</b> Anglican Christian <b>St Stephen, Deacon and Martyr</b> Greek Orthodox Christian	<b>28</b> <b>Holy Innocents</b> Christian	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Feast of the Holy Family</b> Catholic Christian	<b>31</b> <b>Watch Night</b> Christian

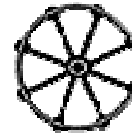
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  - \*\* Local customs and tradition differences may vary this date
- A&TSI Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders



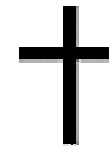
**Religious Symbols**



Bahai



Buddhist



Christian



Islamic



Hindu



Judaic



Sikh

