There are also regular activities at the Dhammaloka Buddhist Centre in Nollamara. Everyone is welcome to attend. Fridays are very full and would be wise to be there early to get a seat in the front. The talks are given by the Abbots and the senior monks.

Regular Activities at the Dhammaloka Buddhist Centre
18-20 Nanson Way, Nollamara WA 6061

Fridays:
7:00 - 7:20 pm  Chanting
7:30 - 8:00 pm  Guided Sitting Meditation
8:00 - 9:00 pm  Dhamma Talk

Saturdays:
10:30 am  Food offering to the Sangha
3:00 - 4:15 pm  Meditation & Instruction
3:00 - 4:15 pm  Introduction to Meditation:
Four weeks course begins
on the first Saturday of each month.

Sundays:
8:30 - 10:30 am  Unguided sitting and walking meditation.
10:30 am  Food offering to the Sangha

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18-20 Nanson Way, Nollamara WA 6061
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Web Page: http://www.bswa.org

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216 Kingsbury Drive, Serpentine WA 6125
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Dhammasara Nuns’ Monastery
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Buddhism

Wesak, Rains & Kathina

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Our vision is to support spirituality, provide care and create community as part of our service to staff and students at Edith Cowan University. We support the opportunity to celebrate, explore and nurture one’s faith.

As a dynamic progressive university, ECU is truly multicultural with students coming from over 75 countries and representing all the major religious traditions. The Multifaith Chaplaincy Service supports and values spirituality, faith and religion as an integral part of life. Our chaplains are skilled professionals recognized within their own religious traditions.

During Harmony Week in 2004, the Multifaith Chaplaincy Service launched an electronic Faith Calendar. The Faith Calendar lists all major religious festivals, thus recognizing the convictions held by many staff and students. Updated annually, the Faith Calendar also showcases artwork from the ECU Art Collection.

As an extension to the Faith Calendar, our service has produced a collection of brochures on Religious Festivals observed within the various faith traditions.

At ECU, we have Buddhist staff and students. Celebrating festivals are a significant time for them as they reaffirm their faith, maintain connections with their traditions and culture, and seek to explore the deeper meanings of life in the context of their community.

The Faith Calendar and various brochures on a range of religious festivals are available on the Multifaith Chaplaincy Service website at www.ecu.edu.au/chaplaincy

WESAK CEREMONY (May)

Wesak (or Vesakha Puja) is the most important day for the Buddhists around the world. It commemorates the birth, Enlightenment, and the final passing away of the Buddha around 2600 years ago.

On the full moon day in May 623 B.C. Buddha was born to king Suddhodana and Queen Maya in Kapilavatthu, in the foothills of Himalayas, and was named Prince Siddhartha Gotama.

When he turned 29 he left the luxurious, pleasant and beautiful surroundings of his palace and became a homeless wanderer to seek the truth of life. After six years of searching and practicing diligently, on the full moon day of May, when he was 35, he attained Enlightenment while meditating under a Bodhi tree.

After his Enlightenment, Buddha taught the Dhamma (Truth) for 45 years, and on the full moon day of May, at the age of eighty, he passed away after giving a final sermon to his disciples.

Buddhists all over the world celebrate this auspicious day, to pay respect and appreciation to the Buddha who has found the Truth (Dhamma). The Dhamma that was so profound, timeless and personally realizable, many people around the world, generations after generations, have been practicing it for their happiness and welfare as well as for the happiness and welfare of all other beings.

In Perth, Wesak is celebrated at the Dhammaloka Buddhist Center in Nollamara. People bring food to offer to the community of Sangha (monks), and share it with each other afterwards. Many different nationalities gather together to celebrate this very special day. Everyone is welcome to attend to the ceremony. No invitation is required. For further details please check on the web at http://www.bswa.org in May.

RAINS RETREAT

On the full moon day in July, after attaining Enlightenment, Buddha gave his first Teaching - Asalha Puja. Rains Retreat occurs the day after the Asalha Puja. The Rains Retreat is a time when Buddhist monks and nuns devote themselves to more intensively to meditation and study for 3 months. During the three months Rains Retreat, the monks and the nuns do not travel anywhere, except when it is absolutely required.

In Perth, there are two separate ceremonies held at the Bodhinyana Monastery in Serpentine, and the other at Dhammasara Nuns Monastery in Gidgegannup. The programs normally start around 9:30 am in the morning. There are also guided tours of the monasteries through the scenic hills, valleys and very tranquil forests. Please check on the web for details in July.

KATHINA CEREMONY

In October/November, after the Rains Retreat has ended, lay Buddhists offer a special “Kathina Cloth”, robes, requisites and donations to the monks and the nuns. Kathina Day is usually a day of great festivity and joy. Normally there would be dancers from Thai, Cambodian, and Laotians communities, together with music, Sri Lankan drums and Chinese Lion dancing. It is celebrated both in the Dhammasara Nuns Monastery in Gidgegannup and the Bodhinyana Monastery in Serpentine on separate weeks. Please check on the web for details in October/November.

NEW YEAR PARTY

On 31st of December, people wait for the midnight stroke at the Nollamara Buddhist Centre, and the New Year is welcomed with chanting, followed by wishing happiness and peace to all beings everywhere in this world and beyond. There will be meditation and a Dhamma talk from the Abbot Ajahn Brahm as well before midnight.