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*MAY DAY, BELTANE*

Halfway between equinox and solstice:  
by traditional reckoning of time,  
now we enter summer.

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*CINCO DE MAYO*

Celebrated more North of the Border  
than in Mexico; commemorates *el Dia  
de la Batella de Puebla*.

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*HELSTON FLORA DAY*

An ancient welcoming of summer  
celebration at Helston in Cornwall.

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*MOTHER'S DAY, ROGATION SUNDAY*

We honor and cherish our mothers: those  
we were given and those we have chosen.  
For Rogation Sunday, it is traditional to  
*beat the bounds* in a procession around  
the boundaries of the parish.

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*EID AL-FITR (BEGINS AT MOONRISE)*

Eid Mubarak! Ramadan concludes as  
we enter into the Sweet Festival.

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*ASCENSION OF THE LORD*

We are 40 days past Easter. Traditional  
day to dress water wells in England.

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*COLD SOPHIE & THE ICE SAINTS*

Old German weather lore warns of a blast  
of cold weather about now!



*May Day*

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*HARVEY MILK DAY*

Give them hope!

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*PENTECOST, WHITSUNDAY, ROSALIA*

The Easter Season closes with  
Pentecost, or Whitsunday, a day of  
spirit and inspiration: Holy Spirit  
come to Earth. Rosalia is a feast of  
Ancient Rome honoring the goddess  
Flora and especially the lovely rose.

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*CANADA DAY*

Canada's *May Two-Four* honors  
Queen Victoria and kicks off summer.

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*MEMORIAL DAY*

We honor and remember...  
and we welcome summer.



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