



Vesak Weekend Programme 17 /18 May

Saturday 17 May

Atasil programme

7.45am	Arrival and preparation of Buddha Puja
8.00am – 8.20am	Offering of heel dana
8.30am – 9.15am	Taking of the eight precepts, Buddha vandana and anusasana
9.20am – 9.30am	Announcements
9.30am – 10.30am	Meditation
10.30am – 10.40am	Short break
10.45am – 11.00am	Buddha Puja
11.00am – 12 midday	Offering of dana
12.00am – 12.30pm	Sharing of merit and chanting of pirith
12.30pm – 1.00pm	Free time for reading and use of library
1.00pm – 1.30pm	Walking meditation/listrening to taped talk
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Dhamma discussion – Q&A
2.20pm – 3.00pm	Dhamma desana
3.00pm – 3.30pm	Break for gilapasa
3.30pm – 4.150pm	Dhamma desana
4.30pm	Atavisi Buddha Puja



Atavisi Buddha Puja at 4.30pm

The Atavisi Buddha Puja is a regular part of our Vesak celebrations. We remember the twenty eight Buddhas who preceded Gautama Buddha and recite stanzas recalling their virtues. As has been done previously, two offerings are made to each Buddha. One is a *pirikara* of a robe, and the other a tray of offerings consisting of flowers, a candle, *gilanpasa* and *chatumadura*. Much merit is gained when we make these offerings.

Dayakathwaya for each of the two offerings is for a donation of \$50.00 which will go to the building fund. This is also one of our regular fundraisers.

Please call Ven. Sobhitha Thero on 94930040 to reserve a puja tray.

You could also email back and let us know if you would like to reserve a *pirikara* or puja tray.

Opening of Vesak Lantern at 6.00pm

5.30pm

Visitors arrive for the official opening of the Lantern.

Last year we had a thorana for the first time and this year we have a kuduwa once more. Chandradasa Hewage, Anura Wijewardena and their team of volunteers have been working at it for many weeks, coming almost every evening to make the lantern. We cannot thank them enough for their generous donation of time and labour.

Many dignitaries have been invited – Ven. Ajahn Brahmavamso, Ven. Bhikkhuni Nirodha and bhikkhunis from the Dhammasara Nuns' Monastery, the Honorary Consul for Sri Lanka, Mr. Frank Crawley, the President of the Buddhist Council of WA representing member Buddhist societies and temples, as well as representatives from the Premier and Minister for Multicultural affairs, the Mayor of Gosnells as well as other MPs will be in attendance.



Chandradasa Hewage has sent this message

Hello everyone,

On behalf of the dedicated team involved in creating this year's Wesak lantern, I am proud to invite you and your family to the official unveiling.

WHEN: 6PM on Saturday, (17/05/2014)

WHERE: Sri Lankan Buddhist Temple, Kenwick

The lantern will also be illuminated from 06.00 pm on **Sunday, (18/05/2014).**

As per last year, Wesak dansala will also be on offer on both Saturday and Sunday. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved in providing food.

About 50 volunteers have been working on this project for the past three months and we all look forward to seeing you at this special occasion.

Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone else that may be interested in attending.

Thank you,
Chandradasa Hewage

Dansela by the Dhamma School PTC

The parents of Dhamma School students began this wonderful custom over 10 years ago to teach children about the various aspects of dana and to give them a feel for Vesak celebrations in Sri Lanka.

Others too have picked up the idea in and now we have danselas on both days of Vesak. Last year we had one for Poson as well.

Sunday 18 May

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| 6:00pm – 6:45pm | Buddha puja and bana |
| 7:00pm | Bhakthi Gee by the Dhamma School students |
| 8:10pm | Dansela |

