

**SRI SELVA VINAYAKAR KOYIL (GANESHA TEMPLE)
BRISBANE (South Maclean)**



Newsletter January 2025

Dear Sri Selva Vinayaka devotees,

Hindu Ahlaya Sangam Qld Inc (HASQ) cordially invites you to Sri Selva Vinayakar Temple Brisbane (South Maclean) for January 2025 Month Festivals.

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English New Year on 01-01- 2025



Program	Time
Sangabishekam to Lord Vinayakar starts	6.30am
Special Puja to Vinayakar(Ganesha)	9.00am
Annathanam(Special Lunch)	10.30am onwards
Special Puja	6.30pm

Sankabishekam is a special pooja performed by our Priest to Lord Selvavinayakar(Ganesha) with 108 Sangu's(Conch) in the temple premises.

Devotees like to participate on this Sankabishekam are cordially invited by the HASQ to sponsor the Homum or Sangu(Conch)

Cost for Homum: \$101.00.
Cost for Sangu (Conch): \$51.00

Please contact our temple priest ASAP and leave your name with your Star sign.
Only 108 Sangu's limited for this special Sankabishekam.

Monthly Chaturthy Viratham 03-01-2025



Chaturthi (Sukla patksha) which comes after new moon day called Chaturthi.

Ganesha Mantra

*“Vakratunda Mahaakaaya Suryakoti Samaprabhaa
Nirvighnam Kurumedeve Sarvakaaryeshu Sarvadaa”.*

Translation:

*“O Lord Ganesha of large body, curved trunk, with the brilliance of a million suns
Please make all my work free of obstacles, always.”*

Program	Time
Abishekam for Lord Sri Selva Vinayakar	5:30pm
Regular Puja	7:00pm
Vasantha mandapa Alankara Pooja and Circumprocession of Lord Selva Vinayakar (inner sanctum)	7:30pm
Annathanam (Free Dinner)	8:00pm

Thiruvembavai starts on 04-01-25.



Tiruvempavai songs are part of an ancient tradition amongst unmarried young girls light lamps in the early mornings of Margazhi and sing songs in praise of Lord Siva. The Tiruvempavai is a collection of songs composed by the poet-saint Manikkavasakar. It consists of 20 stanzas devoted to the Hindu deity Shiva. It forms part of the collection called the Tiruvasagam, and the 8th book of the Tirumurai, a canonical text of the Tamil Shaiva Siddhanta.

Program	Time
Thirupalli Eluchi	5.30am
Special Pujai	6.00am
Special Poojai to Lord Nadarajar	6.30am

Gajamukasura Samharam Pillaiyar Kathai-Finishes- 04-01- 2025



Program	Time
Abishekam starts	5.00pm
Regular Pooja	6.30pm
Vasanthamandapa Alankara Pooja	7.00pm
Gajamuhasura Samharam	7.45pm
Pirayachitha Abishekam	8.15pm
Special Pooja	8:30pm
Anna Thanam (Free dinner)	8.30pm

Thiru Oonjal-Lord Vinyakar on 05-01-2025



It is a belief that the prayers of devotees (who come to have the Lord's Dharshan) are fulfilled when the Lord is in such a joyous mood. Lord Ganesha's presence in the swing is said to remove any ill-fortune (Dhosham).

Program	Time
Sangabhishekam for Lord Sri Selva Vinayakar	7:30am
Regular Pooja	9:30am
Regular pooja	6:30pm
Vasantha Mandapa pooja followed by Thiru Oonjal	7:00pm
Circumprocession of Lord Sri Selva Vinayakar inner and outer pathways (Veethi).	7:45pm
Annathanam (free dinner)	8.00pm

Vishnu Sahasra Nama Parayanam Chanting on 04-01-2025



Program	Time
Abishekam for Narayanar	10:00am
Sahasra Nama Parayanam, Mantra Pushpam and Hanuman Challisa	10:30am
Special Pooja Mangalam and Maha Aarthi at Maha Vishnu Sannithi	11:00am

Suvaraka Vayil-Vaikuntha Ekathasi on 10-01 2025



Vaikunta Ekadashi is one of the most important days for Vaishnavites. Ekadashi is an auspicious day dedicated to Lord Vishnu and falls on the eleventh day of every lunar fortnight in traditional Hindu calendar.

The most important ritual on the day in temples is the opening of the Vaikunta Vasal door in Vishnu Temples. This door is only opened on the Vaikunta Ekadasi day and devotees are allowed to pass through it. Symbolically the door leads to the Vaikunta - abode of Vishnu.

Program	Time
Special Abishekam for Narayanar	7:30am
Regular Poojai	9:00am
Special Pooja at Narayanar Sannithy	9:15am
Vasanthamandapa Poojai	9:30am
Circumprocession of Lord Sri Narayanar inner pathway (Veethi).	10:00

Pirathosha Viratham on 11 & 27-01-2025



Prathosha Viratham is one of the most important viratha among the Virathas performed to Lord Shiva. Pirathosha Viratham comes twice a month (Lunar). Shukla Paksha and Krishna Paksha, the evening of the Thirayodasi (13th moon day) between 4:30-6:00pm. Devotees worship Lord Shiva at this significant time. If the Pirathosham happened on Saturdays called Sani Pirathosham.”

Pradosham is when Lord Siva drank the poison and saved all beings of the world from destruction. It is believed that when Siva descends into the earth plane into the consciousness of people and gives them spiritual awareness. Thus, pradosham liberates a person from an unconscious mind to a conscious and aware mind.

At Sri Serlvavinayakar Temple special Pooja, Lingotbava Stotram & Thiravya Abishekam are performed at Lord Shiva (Amirthagadeswarar)'s Sannithy at 5.00pm

Powrnami /Sathya Narayana Pooja on 13-01-2025



Lord Satyanarayan is a manifestation of Shri Vishnu, who is also known as Narayan, the one who symbolizes eternal truth. The word “Satya” means Truth and “Narayana” means The Highest Being. Together they mean “The highest being who is the embodiment of truth”. Hindus perform Sri Satyanarayan Vrat & Pooja for getting blessings of health, wealth, prosperity and relief from troubles and sickness. It can also be performed to get success in business or career and during social functions like marriages.

Aaruthra Tharisanam on 13-01-2025



Arudra Darshan is celebrated in the Tamil month of Margazhi. This day falls on this month when the Thiruvadira (Arudra) star rules over. Notably this happens to be the longest night of the year. Arudra is the star that symbolizes the golden red flame of Lord Shiva at his cosmic dance. Main highlight of this occasion is having the darshan of Siva as Natarajar, the God at his cosmic dance. It is considered highly auspicious and beneficial to view the procession of Lord Natarajar on this day. Thiruvaadhirai also known as Arudhra Darshanam is observed on the 10th day of Thiruvempavai festival commencement, which happens to be thiruvaadhirai nakshaththram, the full moon day during the month of Maarkazhi, The Thiruvadhirai is one of the eight significant “Vratas” dedicated to Lord Shiva. Thiruvaadhirai is also considered to be the nakshaththram (birth star) of Lord Natarajar.

Program	Time
Abishekam to Lord Natarajar	5.00am
Regular pooja	6.00am
Vasanthamandapa Pooja	6:30am
Circumprocession of Natarajar and Sivakami (Inner and outer pathway)	7.30am
Prasatham and breakfast	8:30am
Thiruvasakiyam (Hymns on Lord Shiva) full reading	9:30am

Thai Pongal (Tamil Harvest Festival) Celebration on 14-01-2025



Significance of the Thai Pongal:

Pongal is an ancient festival of people in South India particularly Tamils. The history of the festival can be traced back to the Sangam Age i.e. 200 B.C to 300 A.D. Although, Pongal originated as a Dravidian Harvest festival and has a mention in Sanskrit Puranas, historians identify the festival with the Thai Un and Thai Niradal which are believed to have been celebrated during the Sangam Age.

Program	Time
Pongal Starts front of the temple	6.00am

Pongal Puja	8:00am
Regular Puja	9.00am
Pongal Prasatham	9.30am

Participating Thai Pongal at Selva Vinayakar Temple

HASQ encourage devotees to come and participate in the Thai Pongal celebration at the temple. If you wish to make your own sweet rice (Pongal) in front of the temple you are most welcome to do that. You must bring your own cooking facilities and celebrate Pongal at the temple outer sanctum or near the Vali Pillayar Arena.

Sankatahara Chaturthi on 17-01-2025



Chaturthi (Krishna Paksha) which comes after Full moon day called Sankatahara Chaturthi. For Lord Sri Selva Vinayakar a special Homam and Abishekam are conducted at the sannithy at 5.30pm. It is believed that the person who does Sankatahara Chaturthi poojai will get relieved from all their worries and troubles.

Special Homam and Abishekam for Lord Sri Selva Vinayakar are performed at 5.30pm

Sri Ayyappa Swamy Abishekam on 18-01-2025



Special Puja/Abishekam will be performed to Sri Ayyappa Swamy on the first five days of every Hindu calendar month. These poojas are usually named after each Zodiac (Rasi) sign. This month puja called “Kumbha” Masa Abishekam”.

Ayyapa Swamy is the epitome of dharma, truth, and righteousness and is often called upon to obliterate evil. He fulfills all good, honest wishes and desires of the devotees and grants good health to the worshipper and their loved ones.

Swamy Ayyappa also bestows prosperity and success upon the devotees and controls the malefic effects of Shani (Saturn).

.HASQ cordially invites all devotees to come and participate in this special Abishekam and get the blessing of Sri Ayyappa Swamy. Thiraviya Abishekam will be performed at Sri Ayyappa Swamy Sannithy at 10am.

Lalitha Sahasra Nama Stotram Chanting on 18-01-2025



Lalitha Sahasranamam (1000 names of Goddess Lalithambikai Devi) is a secret and very sacred text or mantra in Hindu religion. This mantra has been revealed to mankind through the discussion between lord Hayagriva and the great sage Agasthya.

At Selvavinayakar Kovil every third Sunday of the month Lalitha Sahastra Nama parayanam is recited with special Poojai to Goddess Lalithambikai.

Program	Time
Regular Pooja	9.00am
Sri Lalitha Sahasra namam & Mahishasuramardhini Stotram Parayanam	10.00am
Special Deepa Arathanai to Goddess Lalithambikai.	11.00am

Announcement

1. **Kuntrathu Kumaran Temple Melbourne** informs you that, with the blessings of Lord Subramanya, it has been decided to conduct the Punaraavarthana Maha Kumbhabhishekam, on Sunday, 2 February 2025, with the ceremonies commencing on Friday, 25 January 2025.

Kuntrathu Kumaran Temple management have invited all devotees of Sri Selva Vinayakar Temple to participate on the great occasion.

2. **“Vethaakama Vidya Pooshanam Prammasri Vishva Narayan Sharma (Viswanatha Ayer, Somasundra Ayer)** reached Lord Shiva’s feet on 06/12/2024. Sharma was 78 years old.

Funeral ceremonies happened in Colombo SriLanka.

We all remember Vishvanarayana Sharma who was the officiating chief priest during 1995 and 2015 Kumbabishekam at our Sri Selva Vinayakar Koyil.

For further information please contact our Temple on 07 5547 8064

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