

## Puja Service Details

You can perform “Pujas” or purificatory ceremonies at the Hare Krishna Melbourne Temple. The Vedic literatures describe that there are many opportunities during one’s life – from before birth to after death – when one may perform a ceremony for purification to evoke auspiciousness and ensure advancement in spiritual life.



A Puja is not a substitute for the regulative principles of spiritual life as enunciated by Srila Prabhupada. However, in conjunction with these principles, performance of puja guarantees eventual perfection in life. Many of the pujas offered are more beneficial if performed at an astrologically auspicious time. The head pujari or priest at the Temple will be able to advise you regarding the suitable time

Pujas include:

1. Jata-Karma (Birth Ceremony)
2. Niskramana: When a child leaves the house for the first time
3. Pausti-Karma: Ceremony to protect your child’s health
4. Anna-Prasana: Feeding a child grains for the first time
5. Cudu-Karnam: Hair-cutting ceremony
6. Vidyarambha: Entering school
7. Samavartana: Graduation
8. Vivaha: Marriage Ceremony
9. Griha-Ramba: Laying a foundation stone
10. Griha-Pravesa: House warming
11. Sraddha-Pattra (Pinda): Oblations to departed forefathers
12. Fire ceremony for auspiciousness

Ceremonies outside of this list can also be performed.