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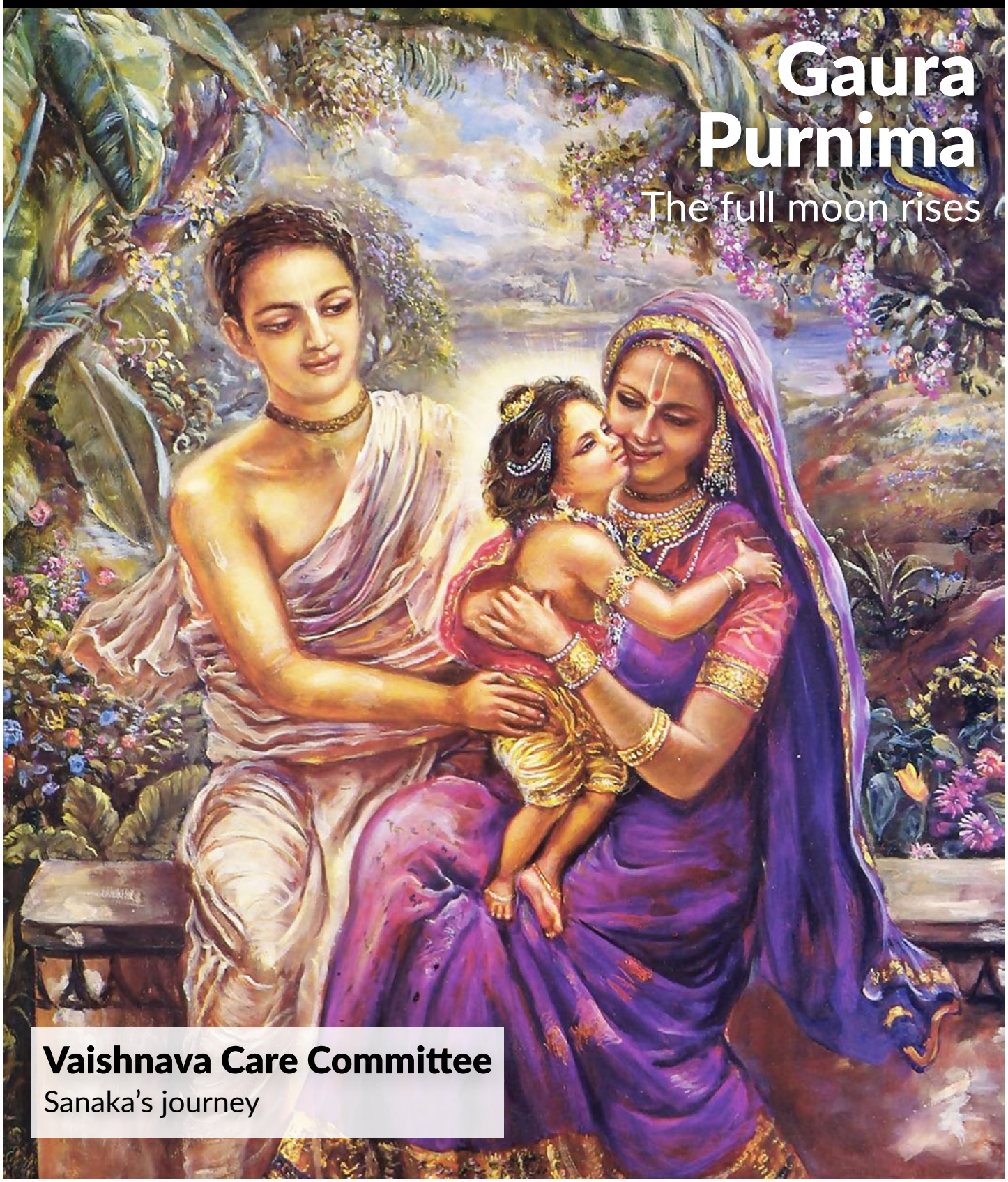
Dedicated to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness



Gaura Purnima

The full moon rises

Vaishnava Care Committee

Sanaka's journey

Srila Prabhupada Uvaca

On the horizon, Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu appeared as the son of Sri Sacidevi and Jagannatha Misra. After hearing of the birth of Caitanya Mahaprabhu, learned scholars and *brahmanas*, bringing many gifts, came to see the newborn baby. Nilambara Cakravarti, who was a great astrologer, immediately prepared a horoscope, and by astrological calculation he saw that the child was a great personality. This chapter describes the symptoms of this great personality.

Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Adi-lila, Chapter Thirteen
The Advent of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu
Introduction

Please join us each Ekadasi for *Srimad-Bhagavatam* class given by ISKCON's Founder-*Acharya* His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. These classes will feature subtitles.

Darshan arati 7am
Class 7.30am

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Vaishnava Care for Sanaka Dasa

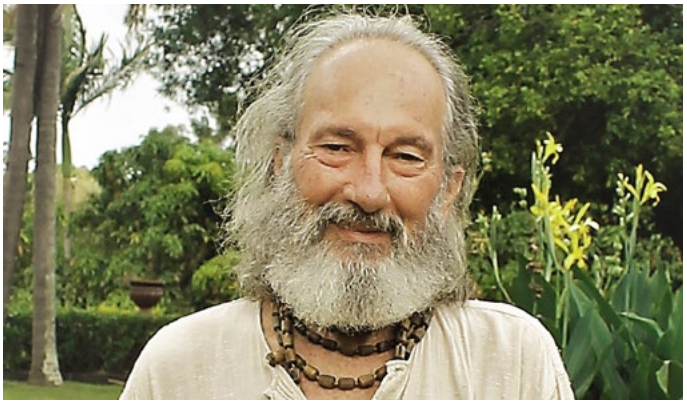
By Ambika devi dasi

After meeting Kurma dasa in Greece, Sanaka dasa, suffering from terminal cancer, decided to come to New Govardhana in November 2018 to leave his body surrounded by devotees.

After undergoing several serious operations, by Krishna's arrangement Sanaka is now beginning to recover and is cancer free. He is hoping to serve the bullocks soon.

The Vaishnava Care group has looked after Sanaka throughout his gruelling experience, including taking him to many appointments, visiting him in his cabin and in hospital, arranging his various requirements and encouraging him in his spiritual life.

Many thanks to all who have taken part in this rewarding service to one of Srila Prabhupada's dear disciples.



Sanaka dasa was once the Temple President of Melbourne temple in the early 1970s. He is now recovering his health at New Govardhana.
Photo: Anasuya dasi

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Ladies Kirtana Sunday Feast

By Krishnarupa devi dasi
Photos: Parvati devi dasi

New Govardhana recently hosted a wonderful Sunday Feast *kirtana* led by some of the temple's leading female *kirtaneers*, such as Ambika dasi, Sita dasi, Premanjali dasi, Karunamayi dasi and Radhe Maharani from the Gold Coast Bhakti Centre. We look forward to the next one in the near future.

Child Safety Training

Date: Friday, 29 March & Saturday, 30 March
Time: 5pm Friday and 9:30am Saturday
Venue: Gurukula front schoolroom

By Karunika devi dasi

As part of ISKCON's ongoing commitment to child protection, and as recommended by the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian, all management, staff and permanent volunteers in our organisation need to undertake Child Safety Training.

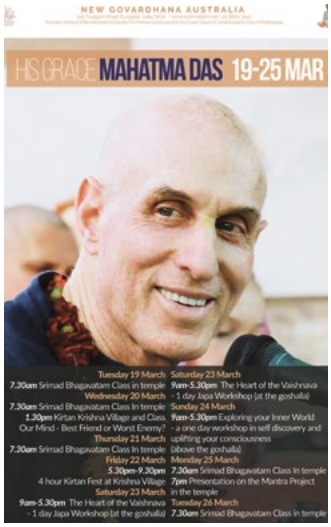
ISKCON's National Child Protection Officer, Atulya devi dasi, will facilitate the Child Safety Training session. The training is intended to assist all staff and volunteers to be able to identify potential child abuse and its symptoms, promote child safety, prevent child abuse and enable our organisation to properly respond to suspected child abuse.

Please note that the training session is not suitable for children, so kindly make alternative child minding arrangements.

Child protection is everybody's concern, so please make sure you attend.

Upcoming Events

Gaura Purnima – Thurs 21 March
Program to be confirmed



His Grace Mahatma Prabhu
19–25 March

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His Grace Madhava Prabhu
Sunday 17 March
1.30pm *kirtana* at Krishna Village yoga hall
6.00pm evening *kirtana* after Sunday Feast Class in temple

Her Grace Urmila Devi Dasi
30 March–3 April
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March Calendar 2019

(from Vaishnava calendar www.vaisnavacalendar.com)

2 Sat	Ekadasi – Fasting for Vijaya Ekadasi
3 Sun	Dvadasi – Break fast 05:45 – 10:00am (Daylight saving not considered)
7 Thu	Srila Jagannatha Dasa Babaji – Disappearance day
17 Sun	Ekadasi – Fasting for Amalaki vrata Ekadasi
18 Mon	Dvadasi – Break fast 06:36 – 10:01am (Daylight saving not considered)
21 Thu	Gaura Purnima – Appearance day of Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu (Fasting till moonrise)
28 Thu	Sri Srivasa Pandita – Appearance day

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at various locations.
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