



VICTORIAN OBSERVANCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
VESAK 2016
Victoria's Buddhist Community Celebrating
Vesak Together



We invite your association to join in **Vesak 2016** - Victoria's Buddhist Community's multi-cultural celebration of the Lord Buddha's Birth, Enlightenment and Passing in the heart of the City of Melbourne on **Saturday 7 May 2016**. Summarised below are the event details and times:

Sangha Lunch Offering/ Dana

To reflect traditional Vesak celebrations in many Buddhist communities we are providing a lunch offering to the Sangha collectively. This will be done in the Parish Hall of St. Peters Church Eastern Hill (15 Gisborne Street East Melbourne VIC 3002) prior to our Vesak Procession. We will also be providing an opportunity to do an offering in the form which was customary in the Buddha's time which is an Alms Round. (Pindabata in the Pali language). The public are invited to offer cooked rice (provided at the venue) during the Alms round whilst main meals will be served in the dining hall.

- Sangha and participants are to meet at 9.30am at the St Peter Eastern Hill main door at 15 Gisborne Street, East Melbourne
- The drop off parking spaces for buses is on Gisborne Street
- The Pindabata to be held along Gisborne Street will commence at 10.00am (Participation in the Alms round is optional)
- The main lunch offering will be held at St Peter Eastern Hill main hall and this will start 11.00am (all meals will be vegetarian).

We have included a response form and we would appreciate your feedback by 23 April 2016 to assist us to plan of the event. For more information, please contact Gerald Lim on 0413 336 543 or email unvesak@gmail.com

Vesak Procession from the Parliament Gardens 489-531 Albert Street (corner of Nicholson & Albert Streets) East Melbourne to Melbourne Town Hall

1.00pm Vesak Procession Please assemble at the Parliament Gardens site from 12.15 pm. Public car parking available nearby. Lunch packs provided

We encourage your participation in the parade to make it even better than last year. For more information and to confirm your temples attendance, please contact Julian Bamford on 0400 267 330 or Steve Lowe 0422 357 693

Melbourne Town Hall Celebrations

Venue: Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria

Starts: 1.30pm to 3.45pm

Viewing and Veneration to the Buddha's Relics

Venue: Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street, Melbourne, Victoria

Time: Until 5.00 pm

For updates on the event, please visit the official website: www.unvesak.org