

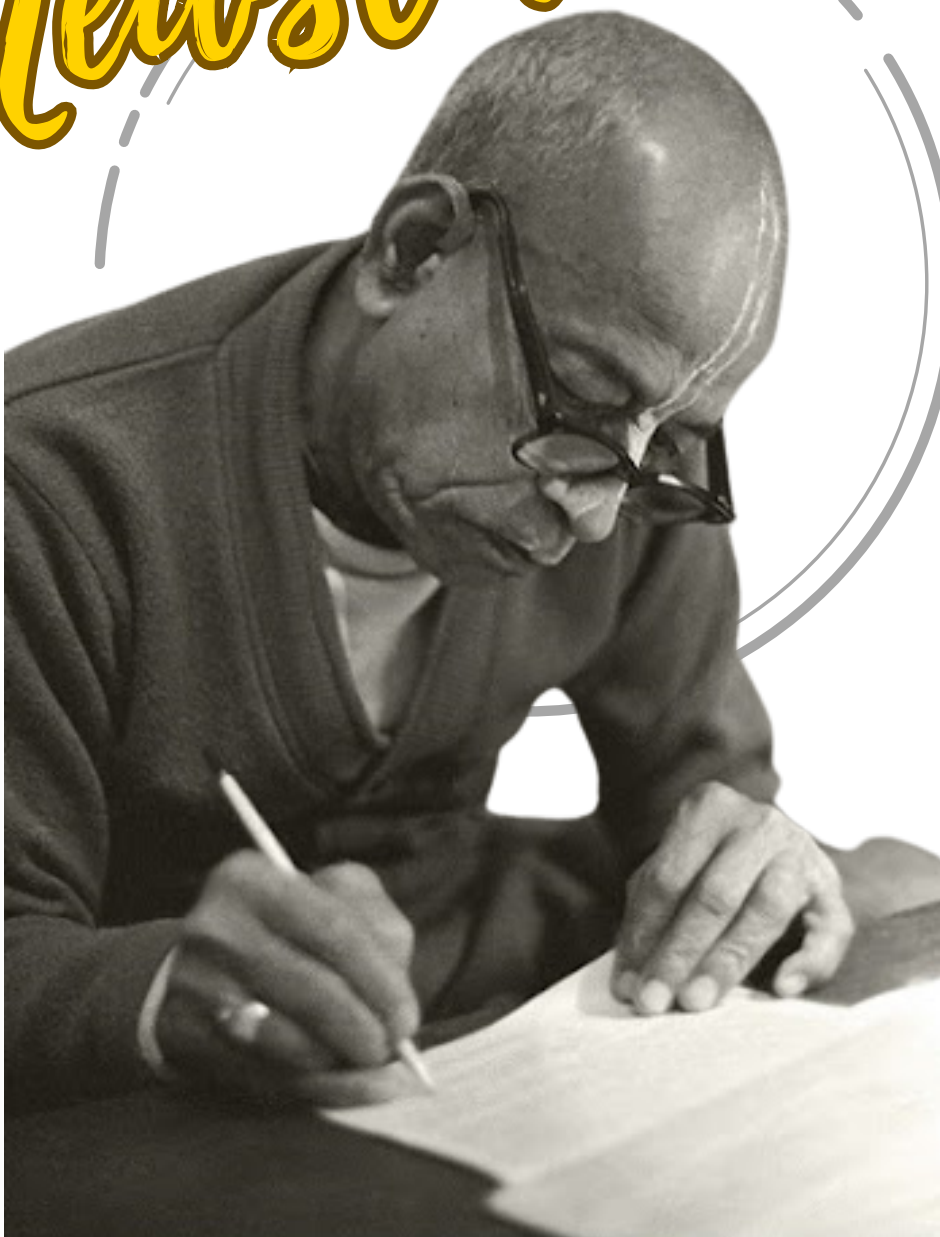


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# Newsletter



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# ISKCON Dublin Financial Report 2024



## Financial Statement for ISKCON Dublin Temple

Period :- 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024

Account Name : ISKCON Temple		
Opening Balance as of 01.01.2024	€3,986.47	
Closing Balance as of 31.12.2024	€32,728.66	
Category	MONEY IN	MONEY OUT
Architect Fees for Vedic Project	4,417	6,413
Bank Fee	5	681
Books	28,432	11,215
Donation Received	63,563	
Donation From Square for Vedic Temple	5,324	
Donation Refunded/Returned		1,562
Festival Expenses		8,817
Flower and Altar	1,181	4,066
Food for Life	3,400	824
GBC/ISKCON EU expenses		729
Krishna Club	3,587	718
Loan Payment to LLOYDS Bank PLC		6,985
Maintenance/Office/instrument Expenses		11,245
Receival & Transfer to Festival of India Account	100	1,901
Rent Received	21,195	
Sunday Feast Expenses		5,471
Transactions with Govinda's (for Loan and others)	25,327	34950.19
Transfer to Vedic Account		31,944
<b>Total</b>	<b>156531.95</b>	<b>127519.75</b>

Account Name : Vedic Temple		
Opening Balance as of 01.01.2024	€80,113.29	
Closing Balance as of 31.12.2024	€148,410.17	
Category	MONEY IN	MONEY OUT
Auditor's report Paid		20
Bank Fees Paid		7.5
Books	135	
Donation Received	28409.79	
Interest Earned	7.47	
Received from Festival Account	2000	
Received from Govinda Restaurant	5828	
Received from Temple Account	31944.12	
<b>Total</b>	<b>68324.38</b>	<b>27.5</b>

Account Name : Festival of India		
Opening Balance as of 01.01.2024	€1,227.30	
Closing Balance as of 31.12.2024	€1,189.52	
Category	MONEY IN	MONEY OUT
Bank Fee		59.62
Donation Received	18805.48	
Rath-Yatra Festival		17869.64
Rath-Yatra Insurance		715
Received from Temple Account	1901	
Transfer to Temple Account		100
Transfer to Vedic Account		2000
<b>Total</b>	<b>20706.48</b>	<b>20744.26</b>

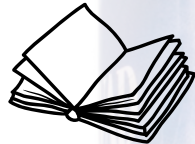
**Note:**

\* This statement does not include the account transactions of Govinda's Restaurant.

Please find above the Temple's financial report for the year 2024.

This report provides a comprehensive overview of various financial and service-related categories within the temple's functioning and community support. It includes detailed records of donations made by members of the congregation and well-wishers, reflecting their generous contributions toward the sustenance and development of temple activities. One of the key areas covered is festival-related expenses, which account for the arrangements and resources utilized during major Vaishnava festivals and celebrations held throughout the year. Additionally, the report outlines the regular costs associated with organizing the Sunday Feast programs, including the preparation and distribution of prasadam, as well as other logistical needs. Beyond these, the report also covers various miscellaneous expenses and activities such as outreach efforts, maintenance, and educational programs. Together, these categories provide a transparent and organized account of how resources are being utilized in service to the Deities, the devotees, and the wider community, thereby supporting the mission of Srila Prabhupada.

# ISKCON Dublin placed 3rd in Europe amongst 81 Temples in Book Distribution



Masha Mtg, Sita Rani Mtg, Yulia Mtg, HG Krsna Abhishek Pr, HG Ishani Mtg, Keith Pr, Vanya Pr, HG Manu Pr, HG Praghosh Pr (from left to right)



*The more the books are distributed, the more the ignorance of the Age of Kali will be smashed –*

**Srila Prabhupada**

In the first quarter of 2025, ISKCON Dublin distributed a total of 628 Srila Prabhupada books and 16 Srimad Bhagvatam Sets. Monthly breakdown can be seen as below In January, 274 books were distributed. ISKCON Dublin stood out at 36 th position in book distribution amongst 81 Temples in Europe carrying 171 book points.

ISKCON Dublin set new records in February placing itself at **3rd position in Europe** holding **1,091 book** points with Sankirtam Dham in Italy at first position, 3,360 book points and Kyiv in Ukraine at second position, 1,602 book points. ISKCON Dublin stood at 4th position across UK & IRL in the month for book distribution. Number of books distributed were 114 along with 14 SB sets. 240 books along with 2 SB sets were distributed in March making it to 450 book points. The position across Europe was 17 th whereas in UK & IRL region, **ISKCON Dublin stood at 5th position.**

We are now preparing ourselves for the Bhadra Campaign with a pledge to distribute 30 Srimad Bhagvatam sets until Bhadra Pournima in September. The campaign is inspired by the Srimad-Bhagavatam verse 12.13.13, which states, “If on the full moon day of the month of Bhadra one places Srimad-Bhagavatam on a golden throne and gives it as a gift, he will attain the supreme transcendental destination.”



It's also driven by Srila Prabhupada's instruction in a 1977 letter to disciples, "I want that every respectable person has a full set of Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrta in his home."

## UK & IRL BOOK POINTS

February



## UK & IRL BOOK POINTS

March

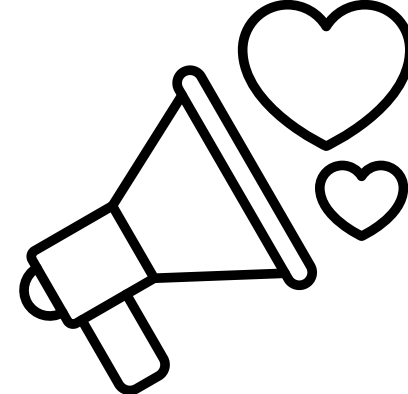


ISKCON Dublin team does Harinam and book distribution on O'Connell street every Saturday from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm. You can also get books from Govindas during the week or reach out to Yash Gulve, BBT Incharge and Book Distribution manager (Whatsapp: +91 8605451663)

**Claim your set of Srimad Bhagvatam today at a discounted price of EUR 200 only!**



# Sunday Love Feast: A Celebration of Devotion, Community, and Grace



Every Sunday, something beautiful unfolds at ISKCON Dublin—an atmosphere filled with kirtan, joy, devotion, and the irresistible aroma of sanctified vegetarian food. Known as the Sunday Love Feast, this weekly gathering is more than just a cultural or spiritual event—it's a timeless tradition rooted in the teachings of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the founder-acharya of ISKCON.

## What is the Sunday Love Feast?

The Sunday Love Feast was personally introduced by Srila Prabhupada in the early days of ISKCON as a weekly opportunity for people to come together, experience Krishna consciousness, and taste the mercy of the Lord—through chanting, philosophy, association, and prasadam.

At ISKCON Dublin, we carry forward this sacred tradition every week, offering a warm welcome to newcomers, seekers, and long-time devotees alike.

Each feast typically includes:

- Soulful Kirtan – Vibrant chanting of the holy names that uplifts and purifies the heart.
- Spiritual Discourse – A thought-provoking class or talk based on Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, or teachings of our acharyas.
- Devotee Association – Time to connect, ask questions, and share spiritual experiences in a loving community.
- Sumptuous Prasadam – A freshly prepared vegetarian meal, offered to Krishna and served with love to all attendees—free of charge.

This is not just a social gathering. It is a spiritual experience, designed to nourish the soul and remind us of our eternal relationship with Krishna. Whether you're coming for the first time or returning after years, the Sunday Love Feast welcomes you home.



Attendees at Sunday love feast Program



### **More Than a Meal – It’s a Spiritual Reset**

In a fast-paced world where connection often feels superficial and peace seems fleeting, the Sunday Love Feast offers a pause—a sacred space to realign with your deeper self, surrounded by the vibrations of bhakti and the warmth of sincere devotees. It's a chance to recharge spiritually, reflect deeply, and receive mercy freely. Many who attend begin to experience a sense of belonging, clarity, and inner joy that stays with them well beyond the weekend.

### **Voices from the Community: What Sunday Love Feast Means to Us**

To truly understand the impact of the Sunday Love Feast, it's best to hear directly from those who attend regularly. In the second half of this article, we've gathered personal testimonials from participants who share how this weekly gathering has touched their hearts, transformed their routines, and deepened their spiritual lives.

From newcomers who found unexpected peace, to longtime attendees who cherish the consistency and community, these reflections offer a glimpse into why the Sunday Love Feast continues to be a cherished anchor in their week.

*“The ISKCON Dublin Sunday program is filled with spiritual energy, joy, and love for Krishna. It provides a wonderful opportunity for everyone to immerse themselves in various spiritual activities like Harinaam kirtan, Bhagavatam class, Prasadam preparation, Vaishnava association, and much more. As someone living abroad, we find this program a refreshing way to reconnect with our spiritual roots, culture, and the uplifting values of our hindu tradition on a foreign land.”*

**~Mohit Garg**

*“The moment we walk into an ISKCON temple, there’s usually a peaceful ambiance. It starts with bhajans/kirtan, followed by a spiritual discourse or Bhagavad Gita class. A Senior devotees offering deep yet relatable insights in the lecture. If you’re spiritually inclined or even just curious, it’s a great place to learn and reflect. The Sunday Feast often includes a full multi-course meal: rice, dal, sabzi, chutneys, sweets and juice. All food cooked with devotion, and offered to Lord Krishna before serving. It’s typically flavorful, sattvic, and generous in portions.”*

**~Sanket**

*“When I first found out I was going to travel to Ireland, the very first thing I looked up was whether there were any temples nearby. To my absolute joy, I discovered that ISKCON had a presence—and I couldn’t have been happier. I visited the temple a couple of times during regular days, and it was beautifully quiet and peaceful. But still, something lingered in the back of my mind—as if I was missing something. Then, with the help of a friend, I learned about the Sunday Feast program. I started attending regularly, and with each visit, I met new people and felt more connected. Over time, this Sunday gathering became such an integral part of my life that missing even one week feels like losing something precious.”*

**~Neela Sudheendra**

*“Attending the ISKCON Dublin Sunday Program has been a deeply enriching spiritual experience. Each week begins with a nourishing Bhagavatam class, followed by joyful kirtan and the uplifting Arti of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai. One of the most cherished moments is sharing delicious, sanctified prasadam with fellow devotees. There’s also the opportunity to serve in preparing the Sunday feast, a humbling and fulfilling act of devotion. This program is more than just a gathering—it’s a sanctuary to learn, grow, and connect with a loving devotional community. Whether you’re new or experienced, it’s a wonderful way to spend your Sunday.”*

**~Pankaj Juneja**



## Expanding Compassion with Food for Life Dublin

Dear Devotees,  
Please accept my humble obeisances.

By the mercy of our Lord, Food for Life has expanded its operations over the last two months and now runs at least 4 nights a week. Malati-Mala Devi Dasi is now managing two nights a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays, and Keith is managing Wednesdays and Fridays. Keith and JJ continue to work together twice a week in the kitchen, and Malati-Mala Devi Dasi now cooks on Tuesdays and Fridays.



**Keith Eustace Prabhu**

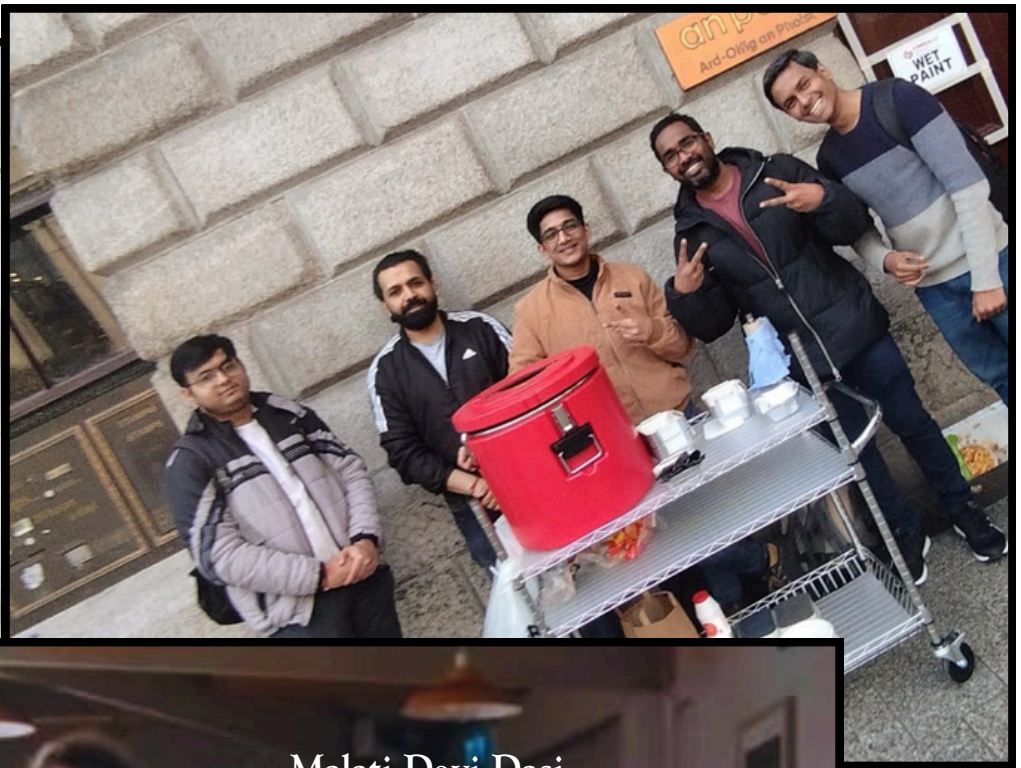
This program allows the world to see the best of the Hare Krishnas. Through the kindness and generosity of the ISKCON congregation, apart from the hundreds of plates of prasadam delivered to the public each week, sleeping bags and clothes have also been provided — allowing, for example, a stressed mother to clothe her daughter — and a man has been brought to hospital and waited upon until he was seen. Since September, 11,105 plates of our Lord's mercy have been delivered, bringing the total number of plates distributed by Prabhupada's Food for Life programme in its current incarnation in Dublin to 17,630.

All glories must go to Srila Prabhupada, but some recognition and thanks must also go, in no particular order, to:

- Shyam, for doing the accounts;
- Manu and Yash, for subletting part of their sacred space so that Food for Life now has a storeroom;
- Malati Mala Devi Dasi, for deciding to manage some nights, allowing us to increase our offerings and forcing me to stay humble by sharing my Seva;
- the many distributors — too numerous to name — who always treat the public with warmth and kindness;
- JJ, for the endless amount of seva he does to make this program successful;
- Jivana Prabhu, for ordering the vegetables and fruits;
- Harshavardhan, who helped JJ in the kitchen while I was away on a two-week study program in Spain;
- the three donors who gave shoes and clothes, enabling ISKCON to clothe a little girl living in a homeless shelter and easing her mother's stress;
- the Prabhu who donates 30kg of mung dal and 30kg of fine semolina flour whenever needed;
- the Prabhu who paid for new thermoses and a cart, allowing us to expand our offering and make it more hygienic;
- and to all those who donate ingredients and sponsor each week so that we may continue our seva. And finally, to Srila Prabhupada, who started such a marvelous program.

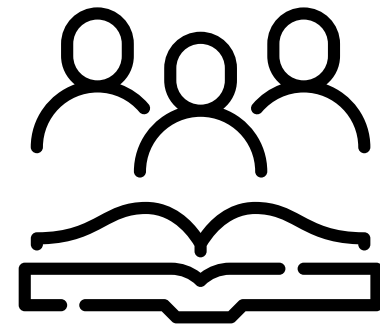


~by Keith Eustace





# Reviving the Art of Devotion || Deity Worship Workshop ||



**HG Sugati Achyut Prabhu explaining the deity worship procedure and the deity worship poster**

On 11th January 2025, ISKCON Dublin hosted a transformative and heart-touching Deity Worship Workshop for Home & Temple, designed to illuminate the sacred practice of serving the Lord through deity worship. The workshop attracted both new seekers and seasoned practitioners, all eager to deepen their devotional lives and understand the profound value of puja as a spiritual offering.

The session was facilitated by two senior and respected devotees—**Sugati Achyuta Das (Temple Manager)** and **Anuradha Preeti Devi Dasi (Head Pujari)**—who shared their deep realizations, years of experience, and technical know-how in a warm, accessible manner. Their heartfelt guidance created a space that was not only educational but also devotional and uplifting.

## Why Deity Worship?

The workshop began by exploring the Significance of Worship in our spiritual practice. Quoting Srila Prabhupada and referencing sacred scriptures, the facilitators explained how deity worship is an essential limb of bhakti yoga. Far from being a mechanical ritual, it is a deeply personal expression of love, reverence, and surrender to the Lord. As Srila Prabhupada taught, the deity is not different from Krishna and offers us a tangible way to engage all our senses in His service.

## Practical Wisdom with Devotional Depth

Participants were then guided through the importance of purity and cleanliness, not just externally in the worship space, but internally in our consciousness. Emphasis was laid on approaching worship with a sincere, humble heart, and cultivating a sacred atmosphere through cleanliness, calmness, and mindfulness.



The workshop covered a range of practical topics that empowered devotees to begin or improve their home worship practices:

- How to prepare and offer Bhoga – including details on timing, presentation, and mantras.
- Performing Aarti – step-by-step instructions on offering incense, lamp, water, cloth, flowers, and fan, with explanations on their symbolic meanings.
- Setting up a Home Altar – suggestions for simple, effective setups that align with scriptural guidance, even in limited spaces.

These demonstrations were accompanied by live examples, real questions, and interactive participation, which helped everyone feel engaged and confident.

### **Creating Sacred Spaces in Everyday Life**

A recurring message throughout the session was that Krishna is pleased not by grandeur, but by sincerity. Whether offering a lavish feast or a simple fruit and flower, what matters is the mood of service. The facilitators encouraged devotees to begin wherever they are, with whatever they have, and to invite Krishna into their homes—not just on special days, but as a daily, loving presence.

### **Q&A: Clarifying Doubts, Deepening Understanding**

The final segment was an open Q&A, where devotees asked thoughtful questions—from how to handle multiple services at home, to clarifying the standards for cleanliness, to the role of mood in worship. Both facilitators responded with warmth, humor, and scriptural insight, making even complex topics easy to understand.

### **A Spirit of Service Moving Forward**

The workshop closed with a collective sense of gratitude and enthusiasm. Attendees left feeling inspired and equipped to carry this aspect of bhakti into their daily lives with more purpose and precision. It reminded us that deity worship is not a distant tradition—it is a living, breathing practice that brings us closer to Krishna, transforms our homes into sacred spaces, and purifies our hearts.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Sugati Achyuta Das and Anuradha Preeti Devi Dasi for facilitating this wonderful offering, and to all the devotees who joined with open hearts. May we all continue to serve the Lord with devotion, cleanliness, and joy—both in the temple and in our homes.



Devotees from Bhagwad Gita Ashray and Bhakti Pravesh listening to the workshop



# Kirtan Fest: A Growing wave of Kirtan at ISKCON Dublin



**HG Manu Prabhu and HG Jayananda Prabhu with HG Kaushal Prabhu (left side). The kirtan fest sandhya at ISKCON Dublin**

The spirit of kirtan continues to thrive at ISKCON Dublin, with two heartwarming Kirtan Fests hosted in February and March that brought together nearly 80–100 devotees in joyous celebration. These monthly gatherings were marked by soul-stirring melodies, heartfelt devotion, and the growing unity of a community deeply committed to the congregational chanting of the Lord's holy names.

The Kirtan Fest on **8th February** began with a devotional bhajan dedicated to Lord Nityananda by Kaushal Prabhu, setting a deeply spiritual tone for the evening. The kirtan flow continued with beautiful offerings from Nandana Mataji, Pat Prabhu, Sita Mataji, and Manu Prabhu, whose rendition resonated profoundly with everyone present. Jayananda Prabhu led a powerful Gaura Arati and kirtan, followed by Sesa Sharan Prabhu's vibrant Dasavatara kirtan, and the evening concluded with heartfelt Nrsimha prayers by Bhagyashree Mataji.

On **1st March**, the temple once again came alive with transcendental sound. Aishani Mataji opened the evening with a gentle and melodious kirtan, followed by inspiring contributions from Pancatattva Prabhu, Abhay Giriraj Prabhu, Madhav Hari Prabhu, and Manu Prabhu. Sugati Achyut beautifully led the Gaura Arati, and Jayananda Prabhu energized the room with his uplifting kirtan. As with the previous month, Bhagyashree Mataji offered the closing Nrsimha prayers, bringing the evening to a meditative close.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the devotees who selflessly offered their time and talents to make these festivals so spiritually nourishing. The Kirtan Fest continues to be a sacred space where hearts unite in devotion, voices rise in praise, and the holy name becomes the central focus of our collective joy. With each passing month, this wave of kirtan only grows stronger, drawing more souls into its loving embrace.



# Bhagwad Gita Ashray: Cultivating Devotion through Consistent Service and Outreach



Bhagwad Gita Ashray Group devotees

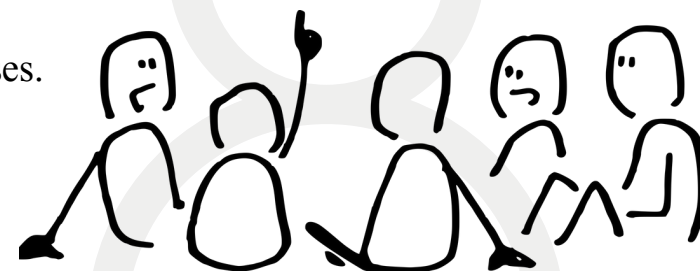
By Prabhupad's mercy Bhagwad Gita Ashray(BGA) is nearing 1000 days of consistent morning program that has inspired to begin Sunday morning programs in the temple with sumptuous breakfast prasadam. Many devotees across groups have joined hands to run this program successfully fulfilling Prabhupad's desire. At an average, 25 devotees join each Sunday morning and the group is encouraging more devotees to join.

BGA runs online SB class every morning and around 20 devotees join regularly, currently second canto is in progress. The group is trying to create upcoming speakers. BGA also runs online Gita classes every Tuesday and Thursday in the evenings. One batch has completed, currently 16th chapter is in progress for the second batch. The idea is to give basic understanding to the interested participants so they could run their own classes in the future thereby fulfilling Mahaprabhu's prophecy by expanding the movement.

BGA also does outreach via the medium of house programs. Programs include kirtan, lectures, book distribution, prasadam. Monthly, the group cooks Sunday feast and helps during various temple festivals as well.

Future goals -

1. Preaching to the local Irish crowd in collaboration with various devotees.
2. CC classes to resume soon in the temple.
3. Hindi classes for the interested participants in the temple.
4. Laxmi Bhagwati Devi Dasi to begin ISKCON Girls Forum (IGF) classes.





## About a Devotee → From a Devotee



I came to Krishna consciousness through pain. In the Bhagavad Gita, Krishna explains to Arjuna that four types of people come to Him and begin devotional service — “the distressed, the desirer of wealth, the inquisitive, and he who is searching for knowledge of the Absolute.” I clearly belong to the first category. In 2016, a sudden and serious eye injury put an end to two decades of my high-flyer career in major IT and telecom companies such as Google and Level3. However, that same painful event became the catalyst for a profound internal transformation and a deep search for spiritual truth, which eventually led me to Krishna consciousness.



**Govinda Mataji - ISKCON  
Dublin Temple Director**

I suppose years of practising yoga and Transcendental Meditation, along with a longstanding interest in Ayurveda, had helped to broaden my consciousness and prepare the ground. But it was truly the mercy of a Vaishnava that opened the door. One day, while lying in bed after surgery, overwhelmed by uncertainty, a video about the soul and the Supersoul appeared on my YouTube feed. That moment changed everything. I realized that nothing happens by chance — that life has divine orchestration and the world is not a random mechanism but a sacred creation with a purpose. It all clicked. The rest is history.

Being of Russian origin, I had the opportunity to translate The River of Time by HG Krishnananda das, a senior Vaishnava in Russia and my siksa-guru. The book offers a powerful account of the Krishna consciousness movement during Soviet times, a period marked by both persecution and incredible spiritual determination. In 2024, I published the English edition through Bookwrights Press, and it is now widely available and appreciated among devotees. I am currently working on another translation project: The Perfect Society: Daiva-Varnashrama by HG Dayananda das (ACBSP), which explores how Krishna conscious principles can guide and uplift human society.

As co-Director of the Dublin Temple, I actively engage in fundraising efforts for our New Temple Project — a vital step forward in our community's growth. I also have the honour of giving regular Sunday Love Feast classes at both our Inis Rath and Dublin temples, sharing scriptural insights and encouraging spiritual reflection. Krishna consciousness has given my life a renewed purpose, and I feel blessed to serve in whatever small way I can to spread this timeless wisdom.



# Reinstated GBC for UK and Ireland - HG Praghosa Prabhu



## GBC NEWS ISKCON UK & IRL



**HG PRAGHOSA DAS**  
GBC secretary

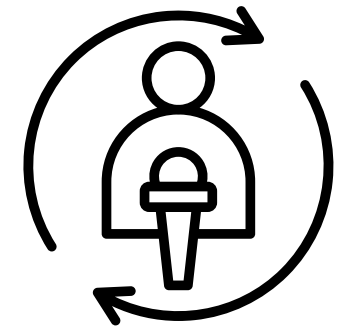


Project of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness  
Founder-Acharya His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

We are pleased to share the wonderful news that His Grace Praghosa Prabhu has been reinstated as a full voting member of the ISKCON Governing Body Commission (GBC). Praghosa Prabhu has long served Srila Prabhupada's mission with unwavering dedication, clarity of vision, and a deep commitment to upholding Srila Prabhupada's vision for his ISKCON. His experience, wisdom, and leadership have had a profound and lasting impact, both locally and globally. His reinstatement is a welcome affirmation of his valuable service to the society. We are confident that his continued leadership will benefit not only our yatra but the entire ISKCON movement.



# SPECIAL COVERAGE



The screenshot shows the Newstalk website interface. At the top, there is a red banner with the 'newSTALK' logo on the left, a group photo of the show's hosts in the center, and 'LIVE Best Of Newstalk 00:00-06:00' on the right with a cyan 'LISTEN' button. Below the banner is a navigation menu with 'Podcasts', 'Videos', 'Shows', and 'News' tabs, and a search bar. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'HOME / PODCASTS / LUNCHTIME LIVE HIGHLIGHTS / RELIGION IN IRELAND: HARE KRISHNA'. Below this is a large image of a man with a tilak on his forehead, wearing a brown jacket and a grey scarf, against a purple background with 'newSTALK' and 'CONVERSATIONS COUNTS' text. Underneath the image is the title 'Religion in Ireland: Hare Krishna'.

<https://www.newstalk.com/podcasts/highlights-from-lunchtime-live/religion-in-ireland-hare-krishna>



Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare  
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare



# HH BHAKTI ANUGRAHA JANARDANA SWAMI MAHARAJ

( From Vrindavan )

## Dublin Visit

### May 4<sup>th</sup> : Youth Program

For 15-30 Age Group

Arrival: 2:30 PM

Meeting: 3:00 PM

( First Floor Temple Room )

### May 4<sup>th</sup> : Sunday Program

Kirtan: 4:00 PM

Katha: 4:30 PM

Aarti: 6:00 PM

Prasadam: 6:30 PM

### May 5<sup>th</sup> : Harinam Sankirtan

At: Bray Beachfront,  
2 PM Onwards

Kirtan

Dance

Katha

Book Distribution

Followed By Prasadam

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO TAKE  
ASSOCIATION & BLESSINGS OF MAHARAJ





## **The International Society for Krishna Consciousness**

**Founder-Acharya: His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada**

We are deeply grieved by the horrific terrorist attack that recently took place in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir. The reports indicating the deliberate targeting of members of the Hindu community are both heartbreaking and deeply disturbing.

We extend our sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to the families of those who lost their lives and to all who have been affected by this brutal act. Our thoughts are with the injured and those enduring emotional and psychological trauma in the wake of this tragedy.

This cowardly assault on innocent lives stands in direct opposition to the timeless values of compassion, nonviolence, and mutual respect that form the foundation of Bharat's spiritual and cultural heritage. We unequivocally denounce such violence and urge the relevant authorities to take immediate and decisive steps to bring the perpetrators to justice and prevent further acts of terror.

The global ISKCON community bows in prayer to Lord Sri Krishna, asking for strength and solace for the grieving families, a swift recovery for the wounded, and courage for all those engaged in relief and justice efforts.

May the divine grace of the Lord protect the innocent, guide the hearts of all toward peace, and help restore harmony in this time of sorrow.

Manu Das  
Temple President  
ISKCON Ireland



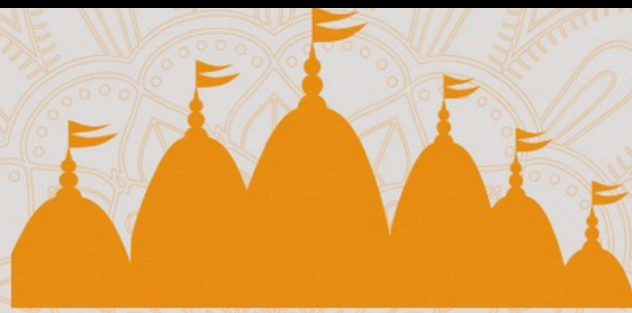
**Pope Francis  
1936 - 2025**

We, the devotees of ISKCON Ireland, offer our heartfelt condolences on the departure of Pope Francis. His life reflected deep spiritual conviction, devotion to God, and a sincere desire to uplift humanity through love and service.

Guided by a spirit of shared spiritual purpose, we pray for his soul for eternal divine peace, and for his legacy to continue inspiring faith, wisdom, and harmony across all spiritual paths.

|| Hare Krishna ||

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# ISKCON DUBLIN NEW TEMPLE PROJECT

YOUR TEMPLE; YOUR COMMUNITY; TOGETHER WE CAN BUILD IT

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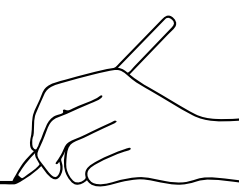
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FARM

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COW  
PROTECTION



## EDITOR'S COLUMNS



**Co-EDITOR**  
**Kshama Pandey**  
ISKCON Dublin

We are delighted to present the New Year edition of our ISKCON Dublin Newsletter, offering a glimpse into the vibrant and ever-growing devotional activities of our community. Over the past few months, we've seen an inspiring surge in spiritual engagement—through book distribution, Harinam, the Sunday Love Feast, Food for Life, kirtan fests, workshops, and outreach programs like Bhagavad Gita Ashray. Each initiative reflects the collective spirit of devotion and the desire to serve Srila Prabhupada's mission with sincerity and enthusiasm.

A significant highlight is our New Temple Project, a visionary step toward building a spiritual sanctuary that will house our Deities and support cow protection initiatives. We humbly invite your continued support—through donations, volunteer service, or spreading the word—to help us bring this dream to fruition.

We are also preparing joyfully for the upcoming Gaura Purnima celebrations. These events are more than festivals—they are opportunities to connect, serve, and share the message of Lord Chaitanya with others.

Together, let us continue growing in devotion, service, and love.

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We hope the year is going well for our readers. We are delighted to present the fifth edition of our ISKCON Dublin newsletter as we step into the other half of the year with a lot of progress in programs and initiatives with youth purposes. Your encouragement for our previous editions has been truly inspiring, for which we are deeply thankful for your continued support.

As the situation in the world becomes grimmer, it makes us more vigilant to put our efforts with more dedication and commitment. In all circumstances of life, if we can just focus on the work whether devotional or material and dedicate it to Krishna Consciousness with grateful heart then our surrender can become power to control the uncontrollable as per Supreme Will. As Krishna says in BG 6.36, *he whose mind is controlled and who strives by appropriate means is assured of success. That is My (Krsna) opinion.*

Hence, this newsletter is a dedicated effort to highlight and share the grassroot commitments which devotees at ISKCON Dublin are striving in the form of Krsna Consciousness through various programs and festivals.

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. Together, let's continue spreading Krishna consciousness and building a vibrant, united community.