

Church and School Bulletin Notices Leading to Easter Sunday 2018

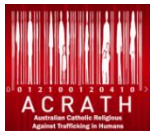
Please put a notice in your parish or school bulletin each week in the lead-up to Easter.

Weekend Masses February 16 & 17

In 2015, Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate. Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. **Most of these children have never even tasted chocolate.**

To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of these three certification symbols on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ.



www.acrath.org.au
People are NOT for sale

<https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter-chocolate/>
for information and resources.

Weekend Masses February 24 & 25

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Are you buying chocolate for someone, or even to contribute to a fundraising hamper to raise money for Project Compassion during Lent. Please buy only slavery-free chocolate.

The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. Many of these children have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions?

If you buy chocolate featuring one of these three certification symbols you will know that production of the chocolate is slaver-free.



ACTION: Tell at least 5 other people about slavery-free chocolate this week.



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Weekend Masses March 3 & 4

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Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket?

Ten years ago there was almost no slavery-free chocolate in our supermarkets in Australia. Now, because of public pressure, most supermarkets will sell some. ALDI has a huge range of slavery-free chocolate.

ACTION: When you go to your local supermarket, look for chocolate that has one of these three symbols. If you can't find any, ask the manager if they stock any.



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Weekend Masses March 10 & 11

Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

Are you buying and eating, or giving away Easter chocolate this year? It is estimated that up to 30 million people are trapped in slavery globally. The United Nations estimates that one in every three victims of human trafficking is a child.

Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved. These children don't even know what the cocoa beans are used for and they won't ever get to taste chocolate.

ACTION: Go the ACRATH website: <https://acrath.org.au/take-action/slavery-free-easter-chocolate/> to find out more. Spread the word about slavery-free Easter chocolate and enjoy chocolate that carries any of the following symbols on the wrapper.





Weekend Masses March 17 & 18

Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

Thinking of buying Easter eggs? Use your money justly – please.

What Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter? There is now a wide range of slavery-free chocolate and Easter eggs available, including a budget-priced range of UTZ certified products in ALDI, in Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produces FairTrade Easter chocolate.

ACTION: If there is slavery-free chocolate in your supermarket buy it and commend the shop manager. Remember it must have one of these three symbols on the wrapper:



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Weekend Masses Palm Sunday March 24 & 25

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World Vision in its 2015 report, *Chocolate's Bitter Taste*, estimates that Australians spend up to \$3 billion on chocolate a year, with sales peaking at Easter. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by enslaved children, particularly in West Africa. You can make a difference to the world, and to the lives of these children, by buying only slavery-free chocolate.

Action: Please buy and eat only slavery-free Easter eggs and chocolate this Easter? Look for one of these three symbols on the chocolate wrapper and make a difference.



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Easter weekend Masses March 31/April 1

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What slavery-free Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter weekend?

Big supermarkets will be ordering their 2019 Easter chocolate products soon, so keep the issue going in your community.

And today, only eat chocolate featuring one of these symbols and tell people why. Happy Easter. And spread the word.



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