

Church Bulletin Notices During Lent 2016

Weekend Masses February 13 & 14

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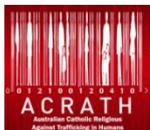
Join the Easter campaign against child slavery

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) is urging people to eat only slavery-free chocolate, especially this Easter. Did you know that much of the chocolate available in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions?

The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate look for any of these certification labels on the wrappers: FAIRTRADE, Rainforest Alliance and UTZ.



ACTION: Make a decision to buy only slavery-free chocolate this Easter and discuss your decision with one other person.



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Weekend Masses February 20 & 21

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Are you buying Slavery-free Easter Chocolate?

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ACTION: Talk with at least 5 of your friends about slavery-free chocolate this week.



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Weekend Masses February 27 & 28

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

Did you know that the Easter eggs in Australian Supermarkets might be made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved or forced to work in exploitative conditions with no access

to education and other human rights? The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa.

ACTION: Join us this Easter and ask Coles and Woolworths to stock more slavery-free Easter chocolate in 2017. Talk to your local supermarket manager about slavery-free ethical chocolate today! It must carry one of these three labels to be slavery free.



Weekend Masses March 5 & 6

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.”

Are you buying Slavery-free Easter Chocolate?

Are you buying and eating, or giving away Easter chocolate this year? Are your Easter eggs ethical? In West Africa it is estimated that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector who may have been enslaved and who are working in exploitative conditions. Much of the chocolate we consume in Australia is made with cocoa beans picked by these children.

ACTION: Go the ACRATH website: acrath.org.au to find out more. Spread the word about slavery-free Easter chocolate and enjoy chocolate that is ethical! Slavery-free chocolate carries any of the following labels on the wrapper.



Weekend Masses March 12 & 13

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.”

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

What ethical 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. There is a flier available at www.acrath.org.au, which gives a good list of slavery-free chocolate and where to buy it.

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 labels on the wrapper:



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Weekend Masses March 19 & 20

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.”

It is estimated that Australians spend about \$2 billion on chocolate over 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? Slavery-free chocolate will feature one of these three labels on the wrapper:



Easter weekend Masses March 26 & 27

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.”



What slavery-free Easter eggs will you enjoy this Easter weekend? We would love to hear from you! Send us a photo or a message of your certified Easter products to the Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ACRATH> or email rap@acrath.org.au to tell us what you or your family/school/parish did.

Remember, Coles and Woolworths will be ordering their 2017 Easter chocolate products soon, so keep the issue going in your community.

Happy Easter.



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