

## Church and School Bulletin Notices Leading to Easter Sunday 2017

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

### **Weekend Masses March 4 & 5**

***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.

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



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### **Weekend Masses March 11 & 12**

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**Are you buying Slavery-free Easter 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 okay.



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



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## Weekend Masses March 18 & 19

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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: 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 25 & 26

*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.

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



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## Weekend Masses April 1 & 2

*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, in Coles and a wide selection at Haighs and OXFAM shops; Chocolatier also produce FairTrade Easter chocolate. There is a link at <https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree-easter>, which gives a guide to where slavery-free eggs are being sold.

**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 April 8 & 9

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

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 April 15 & 16**

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

Big supermarkets will be ordering their 2018 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.



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