

# NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May



## GIVE YOUR RELATIONSHIP A TREAT!

**Many of us love being married but too many of us take our marital happiness for granted, we move forward as one day seems to blur into the next and we forget to look at each other and see the joy we share.**

**National Marriage Week is an opportunity to stop and take stock and perhaps invest some time in this most wonderful union we share.**

**The words of Pope Francis inspire us :**

“Marriage is like a plant. It is not an armoire, which is placed there, in the room, and it’s enough to dust it every once in a while. A plant is alive, and it needs to be cared for every day: to see how it is doing, to give it water, and so it goes. Marriage is a living reality: the life of a couple should never be taken for granted, in any phase of a family’s journey.”

*Pope Francis, 21st December 2015*

There are lots of resources available to support you, perhaps you have a particular issue that causes tension between you, look here for some inspirational suggestions to tackle niggles in any relationship:

**Uncovered Archives - Marriage Week [click here >>>](#)**



**If you know you would like to spend some time together but have run dry with ideas look here for some fun inspiration**

**Date Ideas Archive - Marriage Week [click here >>>](#)**

**Another wonderful way to celebrate the joy of marriage might be to attend a weekend away together, Marriage Encounter offer structured weekends, both online and hopefully soon in reality, to help you reboot your marriage:**

**Book a weekend - World Wide Marriage Encounter England and Wales [click here >>>](#)**

**Another opportunity can be found through Alpha materials:**

**Try a Course Online — The Marriage Course [click here >>>](#)**

**Marriage Matters provides us with a wonderful opportunity to pray together as a couple. They provide a reflection on the gospel for every week of the year.**

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“Marriage is also an everyday task, I could say a craftsman’s task, a goldsmith’s work, because the husband has the duty of making the wife more of a woman and the wife has the duty of making the husband more of a man. Growing also in humanity, as man and woman. And this you do together. This is called growing together. This does not come out of thin air! The Lord blesses it but it comes from your hands, from your attitudes, from your way of loving each other.”

*Pope Francis, Address, 14th February 2014*