

## St Valentine's Day 2018 Thinking outside the chocolate box!

What gift will you bring to your loved one this Valentine's Day? How about a gift of your time and attention?  
For example:

- 1 - A journey down memory lane - taking time to remember how we met
- 2 - A special meal cooked by me
- 3 - A technology free evening together
- 4 - Time together to pray
- 5 - A hand-in-hand walk together
- 6 - Loads of tender hugs
- 7 - A family outing
- 8 - Praying you find that special someone

- Books of tokens on these 8 gifts are now available in the locations below that will only cost you time rather than money.
- Pick up a book and a Valentine's card free of charge. Select the tokens of your choice and make these your gift to your loved one.
- Why do this? Because Pope Francis reminds us that it is important to take time to show our love for one another. It is a gift for your whole life! Time together and simple, respectful communication builds a love that lasts.

*The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up.*  
From Pope Francis' The Joy of Love (119)

Locations where you can pick up a book of free gift tokens:

This is an initiative of your parish \_\_\_\_\_ in association with the World Meeting of Families which will be held in Dublin with Pope Francis in August 2018. For further information see [Amoris.ie](http://Amoris.ie) and [Worldmeeting2018.ie](http://Worldmeeting2018.ie)





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*Your time is more precious than your money. Offer a gift of your time to your loved one on this St. Valentine's Day. These are the messages of a novel approach to St. Valentine's Day this year. Free books of St. Valentine's gift tokens are now available in a variety of locations locally, sponsored by the parish of \_\_\_\_\_.*

The idea is that instead of buying a gift for each other couples commit to time together - a meal, a walk, a remembrance of how we met, and so on. The idea is inspired by *The Joy of Love*, a letter from Pope Francis to the world, where he emphasises the fundamental importance of time together and personal communication as foundations for a love that lasts.

Watch out for the gift tokens at the local church and in a variety of local shops. The parish is currently distributing information leaflets with details. Given that St. Valentine's day falls this year on Ash Wednesday this is a good year to think outside the chocolate box!

