

Reflection: In the Gospel passage with which we are presented this week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. (This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.)

The use of the term *church* in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Pallottine Fathers Missions

Pallottine College, Kickham Street, Thurles Co. Tipperary

Fr Eamonn Monson, Bro Stephen Buckley and Fr Martin Mareja from the Pallottine Fathers Missions will be here at all Masses this weekend to promote their mission work.

Priests of the Parish
Canon Gerard Garrett
Fr Daniel Tomasik
Fr Peter Claver Emeka Eze
In residence Canon John Daly

Cathedral Shop
Mon - Sat, 10:30am - 1pm.
Sympathy Mass cards,
Occasional cards,
candles and other religious
goods for sale.

Mass Times
Mon-Fri 10am, 5.45pm
Sat 10am & 6pm Vigil
Sun 8am, 10.30am, 12 noon

Confessions
Saturday 10.30am

Baptisms
Saturday 4.30pm

Recently Baptised
We welcome into the Christian
Community
Harper Hogan
Cove Williams
We wish them and their
Families every blessing.

Deceased
We remember in our prayers
today all our loved ones who
have gone before us.
May they rest in eternal
peace.

Split the Pot Draw
Congratulations to
C. O'Halloran
winner of last weekends draw.
Draw envelopes available at
the back of the church.



Congratulations

Dear Students

Huge congratulations to all of you on receiving your exam results!

Please remember that exam results are just one part of your story. Your true value lies in who you are—your character, your kindness and the unique talents God has given you. Trust that God has a wonderful plan for your future.

Well done, and may God bless you on the road ahead!



Interested in re-entering the workforce?

The Community Employment Scheme is looking for a groundsperson to work 19 1/2 hours per week.

For further details contact
Sherry at 061 414646



Family Carers Ireland are hiring Home Care Workers across Limerick!

Join us and enjoy great rates, paid mileage & travel time, plus paid, training and other excellent benefits!

Interested? Send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie

Saints of the Week:

Mon 24th St Bartholomew **Tue 25th** St Louis

Thurs 27th St Monica **Fri 28th** St Augustine

Richmond RFC

Junior 1 & Junior 2 Are Back!

Our Junior 1s and Junior 2s are back training, and we're welcoming all new players

Training: Wed – 7pm, Fri – 7pm

Whether you're an experienced player or completely new to rugby, we have a place for all experience levels.

New players always welcome!

Diabetes Documentary Screening

Thriveabetes presents Imperfect Days, an Irish documentary about living with diabetes and advances in diabetes research and care. The event includes a diabetes technology exhibition, film screening, and panel discussion with some of the film's participants.

Event Details:

- Sat 19 Sept, 10.30am–2pm
 - Treacy's West Co Hotel, Ennis
 - Tickets €20; under-16s free
- Advance booking required.

Find out more or book tickets at:
<https://thriveabetes.ie/diabetes-documentary-screening>