

## **June Committee Minutes and Financial Report (May) 2025**

Attendance: Bernadette Toal (chair), Catherine O' Brien, Dympna Tipper, Gerry Monnelly, Lorcan Mc Dermott, Paul Thornton.

Apologies: Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Kieran O' Mahony and Liz Reynolds

Gathering: Paul opened the meeting with a prayer.

Points Discussed

### **Guidelines for Preparing and Presenting the OITC Sunday Worship**

The objective of this document written by Paul, was to help and reassure members of the community that they could successfully fulfil the role of co-presenter. The document (eight pages) merged a number of documents on the subject of co-presenting he had previously written.

While supporting the intent of the document, Bernadette was concerned that it was overlong and might discourage rather than empower potential co-presenters.

Paul suggested the document be subdivided and made available on the website. Catherine and Dympna suggested that hardcopies be provided, together with a spoken explanation (Dympna). Lorcan suggested a document on Lay Led Liturgy should also be provided as well as music resources for both liturgies.

The committee agreed that Paul would reformulate this document into a number of smaller units, to be available online and possibly as leaflets, with an introduction by Bernadette. This work is to be completed by the autumn.

### **Some Theological underpinning lay involvement in Eucharist**

Bernadette circulated extracts from *Lumen Gentium* which emphasised that full and active participation by the laity is fundamental to eucharist.

### **Rota of celebrants and co-presenters June 29 – Sept 7, 2025**

It was agreed that Bernadette would co-present with Colm to introduce the option of using alternative eucharistic prayers. On August 24 we will celebrate St Augustine's Feast Day, Bernadette will co-present with Kieran hopefully using the special book for St. Augustine's Day. Gerry will buy a celebration cake. The rota is now complete. The chair gave a special thanks to Noel for his time/efforts to ensure this.

### **Financial Report**

Gerry provided a financial report for May 2025.

Due to the very confined conditions in terms of access to our bank account, Gerry is to speak with the bank, for a second time, to try to get a more workable set of conditions that will facilitate the work of the treasurer.

While acknowledging OITC's gratefulness to visiting celebrants, Gerry highlighted the difficulty of how this is acknowledged. While no stipend has been requested, the committee had previously decided 100 euro per visit. To date this has been in cash, however, because of difficulties with the availability of cash the committee has decided to ask potential celebrants if cheques would be acceptable. As a number of stipends can be a substantial monthly expense, Gerry has requested that this be written up in the accounts. The committee has agreed to this proposal. The chair gave a special thanks to Gerry for his work as treasurer.

### **Tech Team Summer Break**

Paul explained that the break will be from July 6 to August 24. Antonia will continue the online service. Some repairs and purchase of equipment will be needed which may run to 1,000 euro approximately.

### **Outing to Benburb**

Catherine explained that there were no further developments regarding our visit. She will keep us posted of any.

### **Safeguarding**

Bernadette told us that Kieran is prepared to have his name go forward as the second named individual on the document which will have to be updated. No further word has come back from the National Safeguarding Board.

### **Outdoor Mass**

The committee agreed that the area on the lawn adjacent to the side door could be used for an outdoor Mass. Dates proposed are: July 20 with Kieran and Eileen, August 17 with Diarmuid and Anne (HB). We will be guided by the weather forecast for each date.

### **AOB**

Next meeting Wednesday August 20. Lorcan will lead the prayer.

