

## **OITC Committee Meeting**

**21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 @ 4.00pm**

Present: Bernadette Toal, Catherine O'Brien, Lorcan McDermott, Paul Thornton, Liz Reynolds and Dymphna Tipper.

Apologies: Kieran O'Mahony, Chrissie Fitzpatrick and Gerard Monnelly.

### **Gathering**

Catherine opened the meeting with a prayer of quietening and focus.

### **Points Discussed**

#### **Visiting Celebrants who have celebrated our Sunday liturgy**

For the moment we will refer to them as visiting celebrants.

All felt that both Colm and Diarmuid integrated well with us and worked well with the structure of lay involvement that we have developed.

There are a number of other names of celebrants that may be available to us. It was agreed that we need to take this slowly and allow one or two to grow into our community before introducing too many.

Paul agreed to draft some guidelines for how we schedule celebrants into our gatherings.

Lorcan is to liaise with Fr. Diarmuid Ó'Murchú to identify dates he is available in May.

Lorcan mentioned that Diarmuid was excited by the liturgy and the openness of our community with respect of lay involvement. He has ideas that he would like to share at some stage in the future in growing that involvement.

### **Financial Report**

Gerard submitted a financial report for the meeting, in his absence. See the Financial Report for April 2025 on the website.

We discussed the concern raised by Gerard previously in relation to having sufficient funds in place to cover a stipend for a visiting celebrant. We agreed that:

- Payment can be taken from the collection on that day.
- A small float will be held in the centre to cover any shortfall in the collection.
- The payment will be recorded as a stipend of €100 to the specific priest.
- The record book will record the amount collected in the collection, in total. It will state the amount paid as the stipend and state any additional amount taken from the float as appropriate.
- The financial statement each month will state the amounts paid to each of the priests.

### **Safeguarding Statement:**

Bernadette contacted the person who has responsibility for safeguarding in the Augustinian community in order to clarify our status. They have said that for the purposes of Safeguarding we are not seen to be affiliated with the Augustinian body. We need to now have a further discussion with Mary in respect of this.

### **AOB**

#### **Annual Outing**

Catherine O'Brien agreed to initiate a discussion in the community as to a summer outing. She will also have a conversation with Fr. Colm about a visit to the community in Benburb Priory at some point in the future.

### **Letter to Pope Leo XIV**

It was agreed that it is appropriate for us to write to Pope Leo XIV. Bernadette will draft a copy of a letter.

**Thanks to Yvonne for her work on the Good Friday Liturgy**

Yvonne expressed her gratitude for the floral gift given to her in appreciation for her work done on preparing and presenting the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday evening.

**Date Of Next Meeting And Prayer Leader.**

Next Meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm

Paul to lead the prayer.