

OITC Committee Meeting
24th September 2025 @ 7.00pm

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

Apologies:, Kieran O'Mahony and Gerard Monnelly

Gathering

Bernadette opened the meeting with a prayer inviting the Spirit to guide us in our deliberations.

Points Discussed

Publicising Our Community

Síle O'Reilly has suggested that we should look at ways of promoting what we do, such as inviting the Irish Catholic newspaper to write an article about our community.

It was agreed that before doing such, we need to define what our story is and how to promote it. We are endeavouring to live the Vatican II sense of full participation in liturgy. We have a good experience of liturgy and should reach out to others with what we have.

On the other hand, we need to be cautious as to how an article might be presented by a journal and interpreted by the reader.

We agreed this should be an item for discussion at our AGM.

It was pointed out that personal invitation has worked and we should continue to do that in the interim.

Roster Of Celebrants and Co-Presiders

We do need to ensure that a priest who is invited to celebrate Eucharist with us is aware of and comfortable with how we share in the liturgy. Not every priest would be comfortable with the level of co-presiding that we take on.

We extend our continued gratitude to Noel for his work in drawing together the roster for each weekend.

Page for Co-presiders

Bernadette distributed a version of a one page document to aid anyone to take on the role of co-presider. There were some modifications suggested but overall it was seen to be useful. It did raise the need, once again, to provide a set of resources such as various creeds and reflections for use as Prayer for the Road Ahead. The committee agreed that a number of members could go back over the past years liturgies and extract out the various resources so that they could be collated onto the website.

Washing Symbol within a LLL

Bernadette brought forward the idea that it would be good and 'eucharistic' to include a symbolism of washing within a Lay Led Liturgy on occasions. John's Gospel points to the Washing of the Feet as an active part of Eucharist with Jesus telling his disciples after his

washing of their feet that they were to do the same (John 13:14). Bernadette is to draw up a note on this for consideration.

Thanks

The committee extend thanks to Joseph Keating for putting leaflets together for the liturgies and for the creativity he brings to the task.

Financial Report

Gerard submitted a financial report, in advance of the meeting, for August 2025. See the Report on the website.

The celebrants that we have had to date are willing to accept the stipend we offer by cheque rather than cash. This makes recording of these payments more straight forward and traceable for Gerard.

A.O.B.

- **Leaflet:** Some people have requested that a large print version of the leaflet be available on the website. Paul undertook to speak with Joseph as to the feasibility of this.
- **Including the On-Line Community** Catherine raised that we need to continue to find ways to include the on-line people more intentionally in our liturgies. Paul said that the tech team are meeting this weekend to review what takes place and that this is one item on the agenda for that review.
- **Stipend to John Doran:** John expressed his thanks for the offer of a stipend on last Sunday but declined to take it and asked that it be contributed to the monies that Jacinta is gathering through her raffle. This was done and will be recorded as such in the financial report for September.

Next meeting will be 29th October @ 7pm Dymphna will lead the prayer at it.