

OITC Committee Meeting Minutes (Draft)

5th November 2025, 7:00 pm

Present: Bernadette Toal, Catherine O' Brien, Dympna Tipper, Gerry Monnelly, Kieran O' Mahony, Lorcan Mc Dermott.

Apologies: Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Paul Thornton.

Opening Prayer

Dympna opened the meeting inviting the Spirit to guide us during the meeting.

Publicising our Community

It was agreed that in terms of publicising what we do, we should not invite a journalist to write a newspaper article which might not portray our activities as we would wish and could possibly lead to misunderstanding. Rather, we should continue to invite individuals to liturgies as a way of broadening the community. We have previously agreed that this would be an item for discussion at the AGM. Kieran's notes on the readings are now being published in the Irish Catholic which is a very useful development.

Celebrants and Co-Presiders

Potential celebrants need to be aware of and at ease with how we share in the liturgy. To this end we agreed that potential celebrants be invited to sit in on and observe a liturgy before committing themselves.

Washing Symbolism and Lay Lead Liturgies

The eucharistic symbol of the washing of the feet is detailed in John's gospel, as a key element of Eucharist. Bernadette has suggested that co-presiders at the Lay Lead Liturgy might like to integrate washing of the hands into the liturgy as an example of service.

Finance

Celebrants are now being paid by cheque, moving from cash payments is very useful for the treasurer. The report just submitted to the committee is for September 2025. The next report will be for the end of the year and will be audited by Peter Birthistle.

On line community inclusion

The suggestion was made that on occasion, both presiders might lead the Lay Lead Liturgy online. The committee felt that if this were the case, community members might prefer to watch the service online rather than attend at Benildus. Consequently, it might be better to have one presider online. It was agreed that Antonia be asked to discuss this with the online group.

Ongoing thanks to all who contribute to our Eucharistic Celebration

Particularly to Noel for organising the liturgy rota. To Joe and Paul for the mass leaflets.

Thanks also to Jacinta for donating the painting and organising the raffle that raised 1,000 euro for Doctors without Borders.

Next meeting and Prayer leader

The next meeting will be on Wednesday November 26th at 7:00 pm, Catherine will lead the prayer.

A.O.B.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the New Year.