

OITC Committee Meeting Minutes

January 14th 2026, 7:00 pm

Present: Bernadette Toal, Catherine O' Brien, Dympna Tipper, Gerry Monelly, Lorcan McDermott, Paul Thornton.

Apologies: Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Kieran O' Mahony.

Opening Prayer

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

Christmas Review

Both the carol and the Christmas vigil services went very well. As Catherine would like to step back from organising the carol service next year, a replacement will be needed. Because of the large attendance at the vigil, space was confined in the chapel, the option of using the coffee room will be considered for next year.

St Vincent de Paul collection

Prior to the collection it was agreed that the community would add to the amount collected to bring it up to 1,000 euro. As 985 euro was collected on the day it was decided to bring the figure up to 1,500 euro.

Financial Report

We have had to find a new way of sending money to the Good Shepherd Sisters for the Nong Khai project as the bank has discontinued the method we had previously been using. Consequently, some community members have been facilitating the treasurer in using their Revolute account to forward the OITC contributions.

It has become apparent to the committee the extent to which this project is dependent on OITC financial support. The committee proposes to increase the figure of 200 euro every two months to 300 euro every two months or possibly the equivalent in two instalments annually, subject to review in six months. Gerry is to contact Antonia to discuss this proposal.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held on Sunday February 22nd from 12:30 – 2:30. The meeting will be facilitated by Mary Kearney. Any member of the community is welcome to put their name forward to join the committee. Agenda items for discussion may be communicated to committee members.

Next Meeting and Prayer Leader

The next meeting will be on Wednesday February 11th. Bernadette will lead the prayer.

A.O.B. Discussion considered the key role of volunteering within the community.