

Orlagh in the City Community

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 29th April, 2026

Present: Anne Harte Barry, Bernadette Toal, Catherine O'Brien, Dympna Tipper, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Gerry Monnelly, Lorcan Mc Dermott, Paul Thornton.

Apologies: Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Kieran O'Mahony.

Opening Prayer: was led by Anne.

Matters Arising:

It was agreed that approved minutes would be available for the community no sooner than 72 hours after the draft minutes were circulated to the committee.

Review of Easter Ceremonies

It was the view of the committee that each ceremony; Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday contributed in its own special way to an inspiring Holy Week. It was agreed that we should start planning early for Easter from Ash Wednesday and Christmas from the feast of Christ the King.

Review of the Constitution

It was agreed that we postpone this item to give more time to discuss selection of the new chairperson.

Finance Report

In accordance with the views of the community as expressed at the AGM, the committee decided to establish a finance review group to consist of the treasurer, one committee member and two members of the community. The committee's objective will be to formulate a budget and consider amongst other issues, our declining bank balance, donations to charity, stipends to visiting priests and charitable status. The finance review group is to report back to the next meeting of this committee with a plan on how to approach the review, indicating the main issues. This is to be done in consultation with the auditor.

Selection of New Chairperson

John, Kieran and Bernadette together did very considerable work in founding this group, for which we are very grateful. It was agreed that we must now formulate a leadership model appropriate to the circumstances we find ourselves in. The model we have decided on is that the committee will be the leadership team, with rotating chairs.

This arrangement will consist of the outgoing chair, current chair and incoming chair. This will be on a three-monthly rotating basis and will be an example of synodality or collegiality. Consequently; for May June and July, Bernadette will be the outgoing chair, Lorcan the chair, and Catherine the incoming chair. In August September and October, Lorcan will be

the outgoing chair, Catherine the chair and another committee member will be the incoming chair. In all there will be four rotations per year.

One of the most pressing issues to be considered by the committee is the availability of celebrants for the liturgy during the summer.

AOB

Discussion of events to be organised during the summer was postponed until May.

Concluding Prayer: was led by Anne.

Gerry is to lead the prayer at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Wednesday May 27th.