

Orlagh in the City Community

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 24th June, 2026

Present: Anne Harte Barry, Bernadette Toal, Catherine O'Brien, Dymphna Tipper, Lorcan McDermott (chair), Paul Thornton.

Apologies: Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Kieran O'Mahony, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Gerry Monnelly (treasurer).

Minutes recorded by Paul and Anne

Opening Prayer: Lorcan opened the meeting with a prayer inviting us to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our deliberations.

1. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the May meeting requiring attention.

2. Finance Report

Gerry had submitted the finance report for the month ending 31.05.2026 in advance to the committee. It was taken as read.

Anne Harte Barry and Lorcan gave an update report on the work of the Finance Review Group. The members are: Anne Harte Barry, Gerry Monnelly, Larry Fitzpatrick.

We discussed a wording on an additional recommendation to identify ways to ensure that collections for charitable causes that are taken on specific weekends are:

- 1: integrated more into our liturgy and
- 2: recorded in the accounts as other than the weekly collection.

Next Steps: Prepare a summary report to present to the community.

The committee expressed gratitude to Gerry for his bringing his concerns about the state of the finances to the community at this stage before it became a significant issue.

3. Review of the Constitution

We allocated 15 minutes to a discussion on the constitution. We covered the Mission Statement and Article I and II discussing the wording and changes we would recommend. This process worked well and we will continue with the next Articles in forthcoming meetings.

4. Liturgy Co-Presiders Rota

Bernadette and Lorcan gave an update on the status of the co-presiders rota.

5. A Letter to Pope Leo

We had considerable discussion on the proposal to write to Pope Leo requesting that he lift the sanctions on Brian Darcy CP & Tony Flannery CSSR.

- We realise that we would need to consult the men personally if we are to make a request about them.
- It seems that Brian Darcy is in good space and working away having no issue with the Church
- Dymphna will check with Tony Flannery.
- We may need to consider if this is best use of our connection with Pope Leo - something else might arise in the future which we might wish to bring to his attention.

6. Kieran O'Mahony Golden Jubilee

Kieran's golden jubilee will be held in Blackrock Cork this weekend.

We plan celebrate ourselves with him on August 23 all going well

7. Summer Outing

We hope to go to St. Anne's Park on Thursday July 2nd , meeting at 11.30 for coffee at the Red Stable Car Park – the seafront entrance. There is good space of picnicking and food is available in the café if people want to purchase there. It would be good to bring comfortable chairs if you have them. As there are no tables available, we need to take them from Benildus on Sunday. After a little walk around we can gather together for our picnic lunch!

Lifts will be available for those who need them.

8. AOB

Summer Rota

There is ongoing work trying to fill the summer rota. Volunteers will be welcomed!

Next Meeting: Wednesday 19th August.

Bernadette is to lead the prayer.