

Orlagh in the City Community

Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 27th May, 2026

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

Apologies: Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Kieran O'Mahony.

1. Opening Prayer: was led by Gerry, inviting us to be open the guidance of the Spirit in our deliberations.

2. Matters Arising:

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

3. Finance Report

Gerry had submitted the finance report for the month ending 30.04.2026 in advance to the committee. It was taken as read.

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

They had met a number of times in Benildus, after the Sunday liturgy, over the past month.

They considered the current status of the finances, using the income and outgoings of the past year as a baseline.

They have drawn up a list of issues/concerns impacting the finances and from that brought some initial recommendations to this committee meeting. These are:

- Keep the current restriction in the constitution of a maximum of €3,000 per annum to charities.
- Not to 'top-up' the collections taken for Trocaire and SVdeP
- Draw up a statement to clearly define the purpose of the reserve funds.
- Decide on other emergency donations as circumstances arise

Next Steps: Continue based on the recommendations agreed and draw up a more complete report to present to the community.

Review of the Constitution

We spent significant time, as was required, with the finance report and agreed that we postpone this item to the next meeting. We agreed an approach is to take one or two sections each meeting over the coming months and to spend no more than 20 minutes in reviewing those at the meeting.

Liturgy Co-Presiders Rota

It was agreed that Noel is doing an excellent job in organising the presiders for the liturgies each weekend. It is an onerous task and will be challenging over the summer months. Bernadette and Lorcan are supporting him in this.

A Letter to Pope Leo

A request was made that we, the OITC Community, write to Pope Leo in order to request that the situation of Tony Flannery (Redemptorist) and Brian D'Arcy (Passionist) be reviewed.

After an amount of discussion, mainly as to why would we take this on as a point of concern, it was agreed that we would need to have a clearer understanding of the current status of any investigation and or review of their cases. This will be undertaken before the next meeting.

Event(s) to be organized during the summer

It was agreed that we arrange an outing for the community to take place on Thursday 2nd July. A number of parks were considered. Catherine is to check on the dates of summer concerts planned by the councils before we decide on a specific park.

Kieran O'Mahony will celebrate his golden jubilee in June of this year. We would like to mark it also with a celebration around the time. One of the possible dates is to do so on the Sunday after the feast of St. Augustine at the end of August and to have a shared lunch together after our liturgy.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 24th June.

Bernadette is to lead the prayer.