

## **Orlagh in the Committee Community**

### **Committee Meeting Minutes: 16h September 2026**

**Present:** Anne Harte Barry, Bernadette Toal, Catherine O'Brien (chair), Eileen Fitzpatrick, Gerry Monnelly (treasurer), Lorcan McDermott, Paul Thornton.

**Apologies:** Chrissie Fitzpatrick, Dymphna Tipper.

**Opening Prayer** was led by Gerry.

**Matters Arising:** No matters arose from the July meeting that needed attention.

**Thanks to Bernadette:** We acknowledged and thanked Bernadette for her great work on Pope Leo's Encyclical.

**Altar List:** Catherine is creating a memorial book in which the names of the people who were members of the Orlagh Community have died will be listed. It will be ready for the Memorial Service on 22nd November 2026.

#### **Memorial Service 22nd November 2026:**

The focus of this memorial service will be the deceased members of the Orlagh Community. Father Desmond Foley OSA will co-present with Bernadette.

#### **Finance:**

It has not been possible for the money collected for Venezuela to be forwarded directly as the country is under financial sanction. It has been decided to send it via 'Goal' who work there.

Monthly Statement from the Bank (BOI). New rules in regard to banking have been introduced on Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 2026. As monthly statements are essential, Gerry asked for permission to have the option of using the online service if the monthly paper statements are no longer an option. The committee agreed to his request.

#### **The Brothers offer to remember John and Kieran:**

We appreciate the news that Br. Christopher has said that the brothers would like to offer something in memory of John and Kieran. Bernadette is talking to them about this.

#### **Constitution Review:**

Paul and Bernadette agreed to work on updating the constitution and they will give us an update in a few weeks' time.

### **Annual General Meeting:**

AGM to be held on February 21<sup>st</sup> 2027.

### **Co-Presenters:**

The list is filled up 'til the end of Oct ( except Oct 25<sup>th</sup> )

Anne asked us to reflect on who might co-present on Christmas Eve. She will discuss it further with Noel.

Paul agreed to take responsibility for the Carol Service on Dec 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Carmel Byrne's request** in regard to asking Diarmuid O Murchu to give us some talks. Lorcan will discuss it further with Carmel in order to get greater clarification. And maybe we could discuss it with Diarmuid also to get a sense of what he might like to offer.

### **A.O.B.**

**How to carry forward the OITC vision:** to have a more solid sense of our identity and ongoing ministry in the absence of John Byrne OSA and Kieran O Mahony OSA

Bernadette has agreed to draw up an outline of the history of the OITC.

The AGM may be a setting in which to discuss the core elements of OITC and how to preserve and develop them going forward.

**A Thank You card for John Maher:** Carmel Byrne has written a Thank You card for John whom we met in the herb garden during our outing in June in St. Anne's Park. Catherine will deliver it to him, if possible.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 7pm

Anne Harte Barry will lead the prayer.