



Our Community
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CALLED BEYOND

**SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO ITEMS 1
TO 4, 6 AND 7 OF FEEDBACK FORM.**

TOTAL RESPONSES – 41



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1. Gender; 28 female 13 male total 41
2. Age; 30-50 yrs – 4 above 50 yrs – 37 total 41
3. Mass the respondent attends;

6.00pm – 2	9.30am – 31	11.00am – 4	
None – 1; for 3 people this box was not ticked			total 41

4. How effective were the introductory presentations in explaining what Called Beyond was all about?

- Very clear, easy to understand 23
- Need more explanation 14
- Still unsure 3

5. Number of respondents attending a Called Beyond event -30 out of 41

Monday	17	Tuesday	17	Wednesday [i]	3
Wednesday [ii]	13	Thursday [i]	4	Thursday [ii]	5
Friday	17				

To read this summary: • refers to a comment. An asterisk means the same remark has been made twice or three times. * = 2x ** = 3x

A Sample of Responses to box sections

A. Your understanding of Called Beyond's purpose for your life?

- How I can have an ordinary vocation, doing more with our faith.
- To understand God's calling for me and in what ways I do and can serve him and the church community; instead of just turning up at mass on Sunday.
- Living one's everyday life as a missionary disciple.
- To bring help to others and to let Jesus into their lives.
- To live my life as a vocation, doesn't matter what job I have, I live out my Christian values; what do I do as a Christian? Can I do more?

- To acknowledge and celebrate how we share God's love whilst considering how this can be increased in readiness for the inevitable day of priest-less parishes when the survival of the church will be dependent on the laity.
- To bring new life to the church; to bring families together in faith.
- It has shown me the huge range of work and support carried out by people in the parish for the local community.
- It has made me more confident to volunteer to help and not feel we are stepping on people's toes.
- It is leaving our comfort zone, telling and sharing our faith story, helping all to get to know Jesus.
- I try to go beyond every day, to do more.
- To deepen and understand how my faith journey is a part of my life journey
- I do not understand what it was all about: no clear statement of its aim or what it was meant to achieve.

B. What were the Highlights of the event for you?

- The video of Goa children and the commentary
- The amazing inspirational work of Eileen
- The Lord is still working his purposes out.
- Sharing stories with parishioners and strangers, the witness, testimonies and God incidents in lives
- Made me question where my talents could be used in the community
- More aware of the small thing you can do to make a difference
- Finding out about all the parish groups
- Hearing ordinary people tell of their faith journeys
- The individual speakers' experiences
- Many!
- Inspirational speakers
- Meeting and talking to so many people and new people
- Excellent venues eg La Corte, the Railway
- Lovely atmosphere
- *The Opening Mass; a true celebration, the offertory procession and altar dressing
- People coming together to do good.

- Realizing the extent of spiritual and material poverty in Leyland.

C. What did you get out of the Event?

- Stories people told
- A sense of community.
- We are not alone in our struggles in life
- Evangelisation done without fuss (working for the poor and the needy)
- How ONE person can make a difference
- That I need to do more
- People using their gifts to put faith into action
- The willingness of people to talk about God in their lives.
- A better sense of community
- More aware of the small things you can do to make a difference
- Information and positive feedback.
- Reflection on my own experiences, how they are shaped by our faith.
- A positive feeling about the future of the church
- Feeling more comfortable
- Trusting in God that the week would be a success.
- Inspiration, admiration, respect for those sharing their faith experiences and journey.
- A desire to help
- It felt like a retreat or a mission
- Spiritually uplifting.
- A knowledge of great people in the parish, spreading the Gospel to poverty stricken parts of the world.
- I had no idea that there were so many church groups in the parish.

D What improvements could be made to make the event more helpful or enjoyable?

- Repeat next year
- **Make it an annual event
- Make use of social media to target the young and a dedicated website of the work of parish groups
- Have fewer events in one week – spread them over a longer period

- Have a short power point at the end of each mass with one event per slide
- A clear statement of its aims
- Too many events in one week
- Use Animate in the colleges to attract the young.
- Have smaller gatherings of age or interest or role, groups eg mums and dads, grandparents, carers, teenagers etc.
- Need better introduction and fuller discussion
- Include all religious vocations.
- Need to encourage younger parishioner.
- Have better explanations at the beginning.
- Concern that the SVP, Newman Fund, KSC & Catenians seem to be fundraising for the same purpose – this weakens the fund raising aspect of the community
- In St Mary's the community spirit could be improved by having a more welcoming parish centre run by the people in the parish. Alcohol is not necessary.

E Would another kind of event have been of more interest to you personally

- Have a combined mass on a few occasions during the year.
- Have daytime events with inspirational speakers.
- Have family fun and faith days in the afternoon.
- Have something for younger children.
- Have an outdoor event at e.g. Cuerden valley, Worden Park for children and families.
- Have more events with a 'spiritual' talk as part of them.
- Big issues of the challenges of caring for elderly parents, an increase in elderly population, dealing with dementia and how faith can help in coping with these • Presentation of interesting subjects
- To meet in smaller groups – e.g. family homes, sharing the journey in faith, including those of other faiths and none.

F. How do you think Called Beyond will change your life?

- Brought me closer to God
- I will get involved more in church activities.

- I will join something
- Hopefully to make a better catholic.
- We all have a part to play in building the Body of Christ, keeping our parish family alive.
- Makes me more aware of Jesus in my life and why I do things and for whom
- I will join the SLEAP programme
- To keep on doing what I am doing
- To be more generous to the poor of Leyland.
- To have confidence and to go beyond and call others to do likewise.
- Has given me encouragement and determination to carry on trying to be a better disciple
- A great reminder about how to live my life, always reaching out.
- Let's wait and see what God has in store for me.
- Not sure
- No idea because I don't know what it was about.
- Perhaps going beyond what I already do.
- An improvement in my relationships with people and therefore with God.
- Am more aware of how God works in my life.
- Confidence in openly sharing and witnessing.
- Remind me to take time to reflect.
- Makes me appreciate the vocations of the ordinary and how God is with me in all I do.
- Showed in God's love through our actions for others in our ordinary daily lives.
- A chance to work, live and participate in an excellent parish.
- Aware that we are not alone and that there is a community that can support us and also allow us to contribute to it.
- Gives us more interest in Parish Activities.
- Hopefully share my story and my journey in getting to know Jesus as a personal friend who loves me despite my failings and despite what others think of me.
- I can help others to get to know God and His unfailing love for them
- Trying to do a bit more for others
- Don't know yet?!

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