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James Robert Cardinal Knox, fifth Archbishop of Melbourne

Knox Public Lecture 2018

Wednesday 16 May, 7.30pm

DR JEFF KILDEA

What Price Loyalty?

Australian Catholics in the First World War



During the First World War the issue of loyalty posed a significant challenge to the Catholic Church in Australia as it attempted to reconcile three sometimes competing loyalties: loyalty to the universal church, loyalty to the nation (a concept then ambiguous and in flux), and loyalty to Ireland.

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well as numerous articles on the Irish in Australia including 'Australian Catholics and conscription in the Great War' (2002), 'Called to arms: Australian soldiers in the Easter Rising 1916' (2003), 'Paranoia and Prejudice: Billy Hughes and the Irish Question 1916–1922' (2007) and 'The Impact of the First World War on Ireland and Australia' (2015).

Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre
Cnr Victoria Parade / Hoddle Street East Melbourne
Light refreshments provided afterwards
Street parking available on Victoria Parade
Enter Centre via Victoria Parade

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