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22 Nov: Crossroads Forum:

Centenary of the Conscription Debate & the Internment & Deportation of Fr Charles Jerger CP during and after WWI

The Conscription Debate in 1915 caused divisions in our new nation, and significantly in Marrickville where the Protestant Mayor led an attack on a local priest, eventually causing his deportation. **Fr Charles Jerger CP**, a member of our parish staff, was accused of being anti British and a Nazi sympathiser after a sermon in the old St Brigid's Church in Despointes Street.

Despite the high level of support he received, he was interned at Liverpool then deported, because he was born in Germany. He was reported to have been an exemplary chaplain there.

Charles left Germany with his mother and step father for England, finished his schooling at Parramatta, and joined the Passionists in Goulburn after a short time working in a watch makers. On deportation he lived and worked in USA and England, where he died in 1927.

The Speakers

Dr Janice Garaty The Case of Fr Jerger: His Internment and Deportation.

Douglas Newton Australia during WW1: Emergency Powers, the Conscription Debate and Civil Liberties.

Dr Peter Manning The 'War on Terror' and Civil Liberties Today.

This talk and discussion will explore issues of the time, the issue of conscription and their relevance for today. It will be in Shrublands Hall 2-4pm at 196 Livingstone Rd, Marrickville. Hosted by St Brigid's Social Justice Network & Marrickville Peace Group.

