



Peter Mulholland

# Love's Betrayal

The Decline of Catholicism and Rise of New Religions in Ireland

Oxford, 2019. X, 362 pp.

hb. ISBN 978-1-78707-127-8  
CHF 93.- / €<sup>D</sup> 79.95 / €<sup>A</sup> 81.50 / € 74.10 / £ 60.- / US-\$ 90.95

eBook ISBN 978-1-78874-431-7  
CHF 93.- / €<sup>D</sup> 88.95 / €<sup>A</sup> 88.90 / € 74.10 / £ 60.- / US-\$ 90.95

Prices are subject to change and do not include shipping and handling. CHF – RRP incl. VAT (valid for Switzerland). €<sup>D</sup> – fixed retail price incl. VAT (valid for Germany and EU customers without VAT Reg No). €<sup>A</sup> – fixed retail price incl. VAT (valid for Austria). US-\$/£/€ – RRP excl. VAT.

Order online at [www.peterlang.com](http://www.peterlang.com)Send your order to [order@peterlang.com](mailto:order@peterlang.com)

## New publication

This book provides a detailed analysis of the decline of Catholicism and the almost simultaneous surge of new religious movements in Ireland during the second half of the twentieth century. After chronicling the sudden emergence of these new religious movements, some of which were associated with New Age spirituality, and considering the reactions they elicited in the Irish media and from religious and academic observers, the author explores the cultural, socioeconomic and political context in which they flourished. Taking its title from President Mary McAleese's response to the Ryan Report on clerical child abuse, the book traces the «systemic betrayal of the great Christian commandment to love one another» back through Irish history and into the heart of Catholic theology. It argues that the theology that transformed the «cult» of early Christianity into a great civilising power was implicated in the development of an authoritarian regime, and that this regime was undermining the faith and fostering interest in alternative spiritualities for decades before the abuse scandals of the 1990s brought the Church to its knees.

**CONTENTS:** The Winds of Change • Man Turned God • The Civilising Mission • The Civilising Offensive • Beating the Devil • The Birthpangs of a New Civilisation • The Brink of Apocalypse – Attachment and Atonement • Conclusions: Psyche and Circumstances.

**PETER MULHOLLAND** holds a PhD in social and cultural anthropology from Maynooth University. He has published papers on Marian apparitions in the Republic and sectarian parades in his hometown of Portadown, in Northern Ireland. He initiated the first multi-disciplinary academic conference on new religious movements in Ireland and co-edited the essay collection *Ireland's New Religious Movements* (2011).



Subscribe to our newsletters  
[www.peterlang.com/subscribe](http://www.peterlang.com/subscribe)



Discover our eBook collections  
[www.peterlang.com/ebooks](http://www.peterlang.com/ebooks)



# PETER LANG

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PUBLISHERS

BERN • BERLIN • BRUXELLES • ISTANBUL  
NEW YORK • OXFORD • WARSZAWA • WIEN

/PeterLangPublishers

/peterlanggroup

/company/peterlangpublishers