

## Today's Martyrs – August 1942

Saturday August 1, 1942



### Russia: Moscow

Berta Lesheminant-Blanch (aged 61, French citizen, French teacher, sentenced to 5 years' internal exile to Kazakhstan on anti-Soviet charges, released early due to medical reasons, returned to Moscow)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0440>



### Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Gerhard Hirschfelder (arrested in 1941 for criticizing the Nazis for turning the youth away from Christ; **UPDATE: died from starvation and illness**)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerhard\\_Hirschfelder](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gerhard_Hirschfelder)

Sunday August 2, 1942



### Netherlands: Lutterade

Sr Luise Lowenfels (aged 27, arrested in retribution for a church statement condemning Nazi racism)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1942.htm>

Wednesday August 5, 1942



### **New Guinea: Kurumbo village**

Lucian Tapiedi (aged 21, missionary and evangelist, **killed with an axe** by a tribesman while escaping with ten others from the Japanese invaders)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucian\\_Tapiedi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucian_Tapiedi)

[http://web.archive.org/web/20070219072000/http://www.abmission.org/special/martyrs/PNG\\_martyrs.html](http://web.archive.org/web/20070219072000/http://www.abmission.org/special/martyrs/PNG_martyrs.html)



### **Germany: Dachau concentration camp**

Fr Jean Bernard (aged 33, Luxembourgian citizen, arrested by the Gestapo on **January 6, 1941**, sent to Dachau; released for nine days in **February 1942**, returned to Dachau; **UPDATE:** released)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father\\_Jean\\_Bernard](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father_Jean_Bernard)

**Saturday August 8, 1942**



### **New Guinea: near Bramble Bay**

**Two missionaries killed along with 90 others when a Japanese aircraft bombed the coastal ship Mumutu**

Fr Henry Mathews (aged 66, husband, **killed**)

Leslie Gariadi (young missionary and evangelist, **killed**)

[http://web.archive.org/web/20070219072000/http://www.abmission.org/special/martyrs/PNG\\_martyrs.html](http://web.archive.org/web/20070219072000/http://www.abmission.org/special/martyrs/PNG_martyrs.html)

**Sunday August 9, 1942**



### **Poland: Auschwitz concentration camp**

Sr Edith Stein (aged 50, convert, sister of Rosa Stein; arrested on [July 26, 1942](#) in [Echt, Netherlands](#) in retribution for a church statement condemning Nazi racism; **UPDATE:** [gassed](#))

Sr Luise Lowenfels (aged 27, arrested on [August 2, 1942](#) in [Lutterade, Netherlands](#) in retribution for a church statement condemning Nazi racism; **UPDATE:** [gassed](#))

Rosa Stein (convert, sister of Edith Stein; arrested on [July 26, 1942](#) in [Echt, Netherlands](#) in retribution for a church statement condemning Nazi racism; **UPDATE:** [gassed](#))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edith\\_Stein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edith_Stein)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1942.htm>

**Monday August 10, 1942**



### **USSR**

Fr Jan Kapusta SDB (aged 48, arrested in [Dzyatlava, Poland \[now Belarus\]](#) in 1940, sent to a prison camp; amnestied as a Polish citizen in [February 1942](#); **UPDATE:** arrested as the Polish Armed Forces of the East was exiting the USSR into Iran)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0989>



### **Austria: Hartheim euthanasia center, Alkoven, Eferding**

Fr Bernhard Heinzmann (aged 38, arrested [January 6, 1941](#) after publicly condemning "Hitler's idolatry" and "racial delusions"; transferred to Dachau Concentration Camp in [November 1941](#); **UPDATE:** [gassed](#))

Fr Steven Abt (aged 43, Polish citizen, arrested [August 1941](#), sent to Posen concentration camp, released [September 1941](#); arrested [October 6, 1941](#), sent to Posen; transferred to Dachau on [October 30, 1941](#); **UPDATE:** [gassed](#))

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE\\_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fBernhard\\_Heinzmann](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fBernhard_Heinzmann)

<http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0003.htm>

**Tuesday August 11, 1942**

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**Russia: Sevrallag labor camp, Sverdlovsk oblast**

Prof Pranas Dovydaitis (aged 55, Lithuanian national, arrested by the Soviets in [Kaunas, Lithuania](#) on [June 14, 1941](#); **UPDATE**: indicted on anti-Soviet activity, which he denied)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0929>



**Germany: Berlin**

Helmuth Gunther Guddat Hubener (aged 17, arrested for anti-Nazi activities on [February 5, 1942](#); excommunicated from his church on [February 15, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: convicted of treason, sentenced to death)

Karl-Heinz Schnibbe (aged 17, convicted of treason, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment)

Rudolf 'Rudi' Wobbe (aged 16, convicted of treason, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth\\_H%C3%BCbener](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth_H%C3%BCbener)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl-Heinz\\_Schnibbe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl-Heinz_Schnibbe)

**Wednesday August 12, 1942**



**Austria: Hartheim euthanasia center, Alkoven, Eferding**

Fr Otto Schuster (aged 44, **gassed**)

Fr Nicolas Wampach SCJ (aged 32, arrested by the Gestapo in [Paris, France](#) on [March 7, 1941](#) for aiding refugees, sent to Buchenwald concentration camp; transferred to Dachau concentration camp on [September 21, 1941](#); **UPDATE**: **gassed**)

[http://newsaints.faihweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Austria.htm](http://newsaints.faihweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.htm)  
[http://newsaints.faihweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Luxembourg.htm](http://newsaints.faihweb.com/new_martyrs/Luxembourg.htm)  
[http://www.scj.org/scj\\_homp/we-scj/martyers\\_wampach\\_stoffel\\_20012001.html#e](http://www.scj.org/scj_homp/we-scj/martyers_wampach_stoffel_20012001.html#e)

**Thursday August 13, 1942**



**Germany: Dachau concentration camp**

Pastor Paul Richter (aged 48, husband of Johanna, suspended from his parish in [Wilsdruff](#) for six months in [March 1934](#) for his anti-Nazi views, salary reduced by half; fined 200 Reichmarks in [March 1939](#); arrested in [Sachsdorf](#) on [November 10, 1941](#); transferred to [Dachau](#) in [March 1942](#); **UPDATE: died of cardiac arrest**)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\\_Richter\\_\(Pfarrer\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Richter_(Pfarrer)) - with translation

**Saturday August 15, 1942**



**New Guinea: Popondotta**

Mavis Parkinson (Australian citizen, teacher, missionary, **killed** by Japanese soldiers)

May Hayman (Australian citizen, nurse, missionary, engaged to Fr Vivian Redlich, **killed** by Japanese soldiers)

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**Russia: Moscow**

Archimandrite Fabian Abrantowicz, MIC (aged 57, detained by Soviet border guards on [October 22, 1939](#); tortured in [Lviv](#) prison, indicted for espionage on [November 13, 1939](#);

**UPDATE:** charged with "fighting against the revolutionary movement and making an illegal border crossing")

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0002>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fabijan\\_Abrantovich](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fabijan_Abrantovich)

**Thursday August 20, 1942**



**Germany: Brandenburg**

Fr Franz Reinisch SAC (arrested on [April 15, 1942](#) when he refused to swear allegiance to Adolph Hitler; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death)

**Germany: Dachau Concentration Camp**

Fr Joseph Georg Simon Hafner OCDS (aged 41, banned in [1938](#) from teaching religious education in [Oberschwarzach](#) due to his anti-Nazi views; arrested in [August 1941](#) for asking a Nazi on his deathbed to acknowledge that his second civil marriage was invalid; sent to [Dachau](#) on [December 12, 1941](#); **UPDATE**: [died from abuse and malnutrition](#))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franz\\_Reinisch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franz_Reinisch)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georg\\_H%C3%A4fner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Georg_H%C3%A4fner)

**Friday August 21, 1942**



**Germany: Brandenburg**

Fr Franz Reinisch SAC (arrested on [April 15, 1942](#) when he refused to swear allegiance to Adolph Hitler; sentenced to death on [August 20, 1942](#); **UPDATE**: [beheaded](#))

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franz\\_Reinisch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franz_Reinisch)

**Sunday August 23, 1942**



**Russia: Kotlas, Arkhangelsk oblast**

Fr Ryszard Grabski OFM Cap (aged 32, captured by German border guards in [occupied Poland](#) while illegally crossing from Soviet held territory in [1940](#), handed over to Soviet border guards; sent to [Kotlas, Arkhangelsk oblast, Russia](#) in [May 1941](#); **UPDATE**: arrested)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0315>

**Wednesday August 26, 1942**



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**Russia: Moscow**

Fr Walter Ciszek SJ (aged 38. U.S. citizen, arrested in [Chusovoy, Perm Krai](#) on [June 23, 1941](#), with two other Jesuits had taken advantage of the 1939 Soviet occupation of eastern Poland to volunteer as workers for transfer to Siberia for underground missionary work, charged with anti-Soviet activities and espionage, transferred to Lubyanka Prison in Moscow, beaten and tortured, forced to sign confessions; **UPDATE**: indicted)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter\\_Cizek](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Cizek)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1515>



**Austria: Hartheim euthanasia center, Alkhoven, Eferding**

Werner Sylten (aged 49, theologian, first wife had committed suicide in 1935 due to the growing pressure against those of partial Jewish ancestry, **gassed**)

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fWerner_Syten)

[US&dl=en&lp=DE\\_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fWerner\\_Syten](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fWerner_Syten)

**Saturday August 29, 1942**



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**Russia: Ust-Sysolsk, Komi ASSR**

Joseph Eberle Jr (aged 25, son of Joseph Eberle, sent with his mother into internal exile after the [1930](#) arrest of his father in [Krasny Kut, Saratov oblast](#), worked as a metalworker; arrested)

on December 24, 1941; **UPDATE**: sentenced to death, later **shot dead**, exact date unknown)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1543>



### **Germany: Dachau concentration camp**

Fr Dominik Jedrzejewski (aged 66, Polish citizen, arrested on August 26, 1940; sent to Dachau on December 14, 1940; **UPDATE**: **died from debilitating work** after refusing to renounce the priesthood)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominik\\_J%C4%99drzejewski](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominik_J%C4%99drzejewski)

**Sunday August 30, 1942**



### **France: Toulouse**

Archbishop Jules-Geraud Saliege (aged 72, had a pastoral letter read in every parish in his diocese which condemned the deportation of the Jews "The Jews are real men and women. Not everything is permitted against these men and women, against these fathers and mothers. They are part of the human species. They are our brothers like so many others. A Christian should not forget this")

[http://www.wikiwand.com/en/Jules-G%C3%A9raud\\_Sali%C3%A8ge](http://www.wikiwand.com/en/Jules-G%C3%A9raud_Sali%C3%A8ge)

**August 1942, date unknown**



### **New Guinea: Buna**

#### **Missionaries killed by Japanese soldiers between August 12 and 14, 1942**

Fr Henry Holland (Australian citizen, **killed**)

John Duffill (Australian citizen, missionary, **killed**)



Lilla Lashmar (Australian citizen, teacher, **killed**)

Margery Brenchley (Australian citizen, nurse, **killed**)

Fr Vivian Redlich (British citizen, engaged to May Hayman, **killed**)

[http://web.archive.org/web/20070219072000/http://www.abmission.org/special/martyrs/PNG\\_martyrs.html](http://web.archive.org/web/20070219072000/http://www.abmission.org/special/martyrs/PNG_martyrs.html)



### **Poland – now Ukraine: Lviv**

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky OSBM (aged 76, brother of Archimandrite Klymentiy Sheptytsky, arrested by invading Russian troops in **Lviv** in **September 1914**, sent to Russia; freed in **March 1918**, returned to Lviv; sent a letter to Heinrich Himmler in **February 1942** condemning the murder of Jews, threatened with death in response, began the organized sheltering of hundreds of Jews including 15 in his own residence; **UPDATE:** in late August 1942 sent a report to Pope Pius XII stating that the German regime was “almost diabolical”)

<http://www.infoukes.com/religion/sheptytsky/>