Today’s Martyrs – July 1979

Friday July 6, 1979

Zimbabwe – then Zimbabwe Rhodesia
Dr Luisa Guidotti Mistral (aged 47, Italian citizen, Women's Medical Missionary Association, arrested on June 28, 1975 for treating an alleged guerrilla at her hospital; released on bail on July 2, 1975, charges later dismissed; UPDATE: shot dead at a government checkpoint while driving the hospital ambulance)

https://it.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luisa_Guidotti_Mistral - with translation

Thursday July 12, 1979

Ethiopia: Addis Ababa
Patriarch Abuna Tewophilos (aged 70, arrested by the Derg [Communist junta] on February 17, 1976, later escaped but was recaptured; UPDATE: removed from prison, executed)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abuna_Theophilos

Saturday July 14, 1979

Guyana: Georgetown
Fr Bernard Darke SJ (aged 53, British citizen, teacher, stabbed to death during a riot between anti- and pro-government demonstrators, had been taking photographs for the diocesan newspaper)
Fr John Hopkinson SJ (headmaster, said “It is easy to label Fr Darke as a scout leader, as a photographer, as a teacher, as a priest, but the labels should not mask the unity and
motives of a likeable and hardworking Jesuit striving to do all for the greater glory of God”

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Guyana.htm
http://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/portfolio-item/bernard-darke-s-j-1979-guyana/

Monday July 16, 1979

Uganda: Amuria
Fr Hans Tauber MHM (aged 61, Italian citizen, killed)

July 1979, date unknown