

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_Mistrali - 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.faiweb.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**)

http://newsaints.faiweb.com/new_martyrs/Uganda.htm

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