

# Today's Martyrs

*Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom*

## Events – April 1994

**Sunday April 3, 1994**

**Easter (Pascha) – Western calendar**

**Wednesday April 6, 1994**



### **Rwanda: Kicukiro, Kigali**

Sr Marie Claire Mukabisangwa (aged 48, **killed**)

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**Thursday April 7, 1994**

**Beginning of the Rwandan genocide**



### **Rwanda: Kigali**

Cyprien Rugamba (aged 59, husband of Daphrose Mukansanga Rugamba, former seminarian, historian, **killed** with his wife and 6 of their 10 children while engaged in a prayer vigil because they had opposed the actions which led to the genocide, had taken over 100 street children into his home and evangelized many couples)

Daphrose Mukansanga Rugamba (aged 50, wife of Cyprien Rugamba, former teacher, **killed** with her husband and 6 of their 10 children)

### **Rwanda: Remera, Gasabo, Kigali**

Fr Alfred Nzabakurana (aged 41, **killed**)

Sr Beatrice Nyirangirababyeyi (**killed**)

Sr Bellancile Mukayitesi (aged 36, **killed**)  
Fr Boniface Kanyoni (aged 52, **killed**)  
Fr Chrysologue Mahame SJ (aged 67, **killed**)  
Sr Florence Umutesi (aged 22, **killed**)  
Sr Francine Mukakayange (aged 24, **killed**)  
Sr Immaculee Mukamuligo (aged 26, **killed**)  
Fr Innocent Rutagambwa SJ (aged 45, **killed**)  
Fr Jean Marie Vianney Niyirema (aged 48, **killed**)  
Sr Marie Rose Mukabadege (aged 37, **killed**)  
Fr Patrick Gahizi SJ (aged 47, **killed**)  
Fr Straton Gakwaya (aged 54, **killed**)  
Sr Therese Murekeyisoni (**killed**)  
Sr Winifrida Mukamana (aged 39, **killed**)

**Rwanda: Ruhuha, Kigali**

Fr Andre Caloone M.Afr (aged 53, French national, **shot dead** by a soldier)

[http://www.emmanuelcommunity.ie/?page\\_id=2229](http://www.emmanuelcommunity.ie/?page_id=2229)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Rwanda.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Rwanda.htm)

[http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=FR\\_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.africamission-mafr.org%2fassassines.htm](http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=FR_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.africamission-mafr.org%2fassassines.htm)

**Friday April 8, 1994**



**Rwanda: Gisenyi, Rubavu**

Br Frederic Nyakaytru (**killed**)

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**Saturday April 9, 1994**



**Rwanda: Gikondo, Kigali**

Fr Zdzislaw SAC (Polish citizen, forced to watch the murder of 110 Tutsis in his church)

**Rwanda: Nyundo, Rubavu**

Br Aimable Mazimpaka (killed)

Br Jonathan Mwitirehe (killed)

Sr Marie Candida Kanyonga (aged 62, killed)

Sr Marie Giovannie Mukeshimana (aged 73, killed)

Sr Marie Julienne Nyiratereharo (aged 73, killed)

Sr Marie Laetitia Nyiramakwandi (aged 63, killed)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Rwanda.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Rwanda.htm)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gikondo\\_massacre](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gikondo_massacre)

**Sunday April 10, 1994**



**Rwanda: Cyangugu**

Bishop Thaddee Ntihinyurwa (preached against the massacres of Tutsis, then travelled to Nyamasheke in an attempt to stop an attack against Tutsis in a church)

**Rwanda: Mataba village, Kibyue province**

Pastor Murinzi (began to shelter 8 Tutsis in his home including the future writer Immaculee Ilibagiza)

[http://www.hrw.org/legacy/reports/1999/rwanda/Geno4-7-03.htm#P893\\_245534](http://www.hrw.org/legacy/reports/1999/rwanda/Geno4-7-03.htm#P893_245534)

[https://openlibrary.org/works/OL8700398W/Left\\_to\\_Tell](https://openlibrary.org/works/OL8700398W/Left_to_Tell)



**Sierra Leone: Mile 91, Tonkolili**

Br Edward Senan Kerrigan FSC (aged 57, Irish national, killed)

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**Monday April 11, 1994**



**Rwanda: Cyangugu**

Bishop Thaddee Ntihinyurwa (**UPDATE**: tried to evacuate three religious brothers but was forced to watch their murders)

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**Thursday April 14, 1994**



**Rwanda: Rwamagana**

Br Dominique Munyurangabo FC (**killed**)

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**Friday April 15, 1994**



**Rwanda: Kibeho**

Abbe Pierre Ngoga (fled after massacres of Tutsis had begun, called the Bishop of Gikongoro with a request for help to rescue the Tutsis but was rebuffed)

**Rwanda: Ndera, Gasabo**

Sr Cassilda Mukankwaya SSMN (aged 53, **killed**)

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**Monday April 18, 1994**



**Rwanda: Gikongoro, Nyamagabe**

Br Georges Gashugi OFM (aged 32, **killed**)

**Rwanda: Simbi, Huye**

Sr Marie Paule Mukangwje (aged 86, **killed**)

Sr Marie Pelagie Kantama (aged 74, **killed**)

Sr Marie Pierre-Claver Yankurije (aged 52, **killed**)

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**Thursday April 21, 1994**



**Rwanda: Gisenyi, Rubavu**

Sr Felicitas Niyitegeka (aged 59, **shot dead** along with 43 others, had sheltered Tutsis and helped them escape to Zaire, threatened with death but refused to stop her efforts)

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**Jamaica: Falmouth, Trelawny**

Fr Vincent Power SSC (aged 62, Irish national, **killed**)

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**Friday April 22, 1994**



**Rwanda: Gihindamuyaga, Huye**

Br Antoine Rutagengwa (**killed**)

Br Gaetan Gatera BMV (**killed**)

**Rwanda: at the border with Burundi**

Sr Alexis Nyirbajyambere (aged 25, disappeared, **presumed dead**)

Br Etienne Rwesa SM (aged 52, disappeared, **presumed dead**)

Sr Patricia Ntawuyigenga (aged 35, disappeared, **presumed dead**)

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**Saturday April 23, 1994**



**Rwanda**

Br Janvier Murenzi CSC (aged 25, **killed**)

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**Sunday April 24, 1994**



**Rwanda: Nyanza**

Sr Marie Françoise Mukamparirwa (aged 58, **killed**)

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**Tuesday April 26, 1994**



### **Rwanda: Birambo, Karongi**

Sr Agnes Kangofero RA (aged 58, **killed**)

Sr Albina Nyirangilimana RA (aged 53, **killed**)

Anne Marie Mukashema RA (aged 29, novice, **killed**)

Br Boniface Ndayisenga (**killed**)

Hilda Maria Mukandinda RA (aged 28, novice, **killed**)

Fr Innocent Ruberizesa (aged 52, **killed**)

Br Joseph Sahabu (**killed**)

Sr Leonilla Mukambera RA (aged 48, **killed**)

Fr Narcisse Sebasare (aged 52, **killed**)

### **Rwanda: Kabuye, Kigali**

Sr Marie Madeleine Nyirabatware RA (aged 55, **killed**)

### **Rwanda: Kageyo, Byumba, Gicumbi**

Fr Joaquim Vallmajo Sala M.Afr (aged 53, Spanish national, **killed**)

### **Rwanda: Kigali**

Sr Leocadiya Mukankuranga (aged 30, **killed**)

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**April 1994, date unknown**



### **Pakistan**

Salamat Masih (aged 13, arrested on blasphemy charges in **May 1993**; **UPDATE**: shot during a court hearing, survived)

Manzoor Masih (arrested on blasphemy charges in **May 1993**; **UPDATE**: **shot dead** during a court hearing)

Rehmat Masih (arrested on blasphemy charges in **May 1993**; **UPDATE**: shot during a court hearing, survived)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL1009175M/In\\_the\\_Lion's\\_Den](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL1009175M/In_the_Lion's_Den) - page 36



### **Rwanda: Kibungo**

Fr Eliseus Mpongano (**shot dead** for trying to protect Tutsis)

Bishop Frederic Rubwejanga (witnessed the shooting death of Fr Eliseus Mpongano and the murder of 1,200 of his parishioners)

### **Rwanda: Gisenyi, Rubavu**

Anicet Butera (novice, **killed**)

Sr Candide Mukabaziga (**killed**)

Sr Marie Mukamusana (**killed**)

### **Rwanda: Kabgayi, Muhanga**

Br Aloys Cadali (**killed**)

### **Rwanda: Muhororo, Ruhengeri**

Sr Marie Alphonse Nziza (aged 86, **killed**)

Sr Marie Francois-Xavier Mukamugiro (aged 54, **killed**)

Sr Marie Gerarda Mukamurihira (aged 74, **killed**)

Sr Marie Regis Gakwanzi (aged 60, **killed**)

### **Rwanda: Nyamasheke**

Br Ladislav Sinigenga (**killed**)

### **Rwanda: Nyanza**

Sr Marie Augustine Nyiranyundo (aged 78, **killed**)

### **Rwanda: Nyumba, Gishamvu**

Sr Marie Edmonde Nyirabudeyi (aged 64, **killed**)

### **Rwanda: Rwesero, Nyamasheke**

Sr Marie Carola Nyirankurikizayabo (aged 66, **killed**)

[http://cjonline.com/stories/040699/new\\_rwanda.shtml#.WRqRbvnyuM8](http://cjonline.com/stories/040699/new_rwanda.shtml#.WRqRbvnyuM8)

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