

Today's Martyrs – December 2000

Saturday December 2, 2000



India: Sugnu, Manipur state

Fr John Chittrinapilli (aged 30, abducted by gunmen from his church, **found dead** hours later)

<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

Tuesday December 5, 2000



Uganda: Gulu

Dr Matthew Christopher Lukwiya (hospital superintendent, **died of Ebola**, had encouraged his staff to not abandon patients)

http://www.scilog.com/sankore_scriptures/a-cwinye-leng-on-the-ebola-frontline-the-heroes-of-lacor/

Friday December 15, 2000



India: Andaman Islands

Fr John Peter (**beaten and stabbed to death** by 16 men at his home for spreading Christianity)

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Friday December 22, 2000



Jordan: Amman

Muhammad Fadel Ali al-Musawi aka Joseph Fidelle (aged 36, secret convert, Iraqi citizen, husband of Anwar, father of Azhar aka Paul and Miami [Maimounah] aka Therese, abducted by his family [outside Baghdad](#) in [June 1997](#) after they discovered a Bible in his home, beaten, taken to the Ayatollah Muhammad Sadr in [Najaf](#) who pronounced a fatwa calling for his death if he had become a Christian, the fatwa was not carried out after he demanded proof that he was a Christian and said that possession of the Bible was not proof, taken to [Al-Hakimieh prison in Baghdad](#), beaten and tortured for three months in an attempt to find the Christians involved in his conversion; released in [December 1999](#), put under virtual house arrest by his family; fled Iraq on [April 19, 2000](#) with his family for Jordan; **UPDATE**: abducted by his uncle and brothers, shot in the leg, left for dead, hospitalized, forced to leave the hospital and seek private treatment due to fear of police involvement, the bullet disappeared during medical examination, later emigrated with his family to France on August 15, 2001)

Anwar aka Marie Fidelle (aged 32, secret convert, wife of Muhammad Fadel Ali al-Musawi, mother of Azhar aka Paul and Miami [Maimounah] aka Therese, fled Iraq on [April 19, 2000](#) with her family for Jordan; **UPDATE**: later emigrated with her family to France on August 15, 2001)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26406047M/The Price to Pay](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26406047M/The_Price_to_Pay) - pages 7-10, 184-194

Sunday December 24, 2000



Indonesia

Jihadists detonate explosive devices at over a dozen churches, 18 were killed including 4 policemen, one Muslim volunteer church security guard named Riyanto who ran from a crowded church with a bomb, and one bomber, more than 100 were injured

Winarno (said "I was in the [Jakarta] cathedral with my wife and two children. I heard the explosion. I am very worried that there will be religious fighting everywhere")

Maketi Manehat (student, said the next day after praying in the Jakarta cathedral "I'm feeling sad this Christmas. There is not much love among us")

Cardinal Julius Darmaatmadja (said "Even if we know who is behind the bombings, I urge all Christians to forgive")

<http://abcnews.go.com/International/story?id=81856&page=1>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christmas_Eve_2000_Indonesia_bombings
<http://www.nytimes.com/2000/12/26/world/indonesian-leader-condemns-church-bombings-that-killed-15.html>

Thursday December 28, 2000



Philippines: Jolo, Sulu

Fr Benjamin Inocencio OMI (aged 42, **shot dead** by Muslim rebels)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Philippines2.htm
<http://www.catholicdoors.com/news/martyrs2.htm>

Sunday December 31, 2000



Saint Lucia: Castries

Fr Charles Gaillard (aged 62, **set afire** along with several others when four members of a breakaway Rastafarian group attacked the cathedral, **later died** from his burns)

Joyce Auguiste (witnessed the attack)

Sr Theresa Egan (aged 73, Irish national, **beaten to death**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Saint_Lucia.htm
<http://www.indcatholicnews.com/news.php?viewStory=11638>
<http://www.telesur.tv/english/news/Saint-Lucia-Cathedral-Killers-Sentenced-to-Life-Imprisonment-20150504-0026.html>
<http://www.nytimes.com/2001/01/01/world/men-attack-worshipers-at-st-lucia-cathedral-killing-one.html>

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