

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)

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

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.telesurtv.net/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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