

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom



New Zealand

Fr Douglas al-Bazi (aged 47, transferred to New Zealand from Iraq [refer there for his earlier life events], counselled his [Auckland](#) parishioners who feared a retaliatory attack following the [March 15, 2019](#) mass murder of Muslims at two mosques in Christchurch, said "I am still shocked, me and my people, how this could happen here in New Zealand...we fully understand as Iraqi people, especially Christian, we really understand, because we are survivors of genocide, systematic genocide...There is a lady in my community -- they beheaded her son in front of her. Another man, they killed his parents in front of him...I told them, no, this is not the time to be scared. It is the time to be united...I don't know what we can do for those survivors [of the mosque attacks], for those relatives, the only thing we can do is pray for them and say, 'This is not New Zealand'", sent a floral tribute with a message of support in Arabic to a nearby mosque)

Dr Joseph Lee (as of [July 15, 2013](#) has been under public criticism for refusing to prescribe contraceptives in [Blenheim](#), may face charges)

Khalid Muidh Alzahrani aka Daniel (aged 42, convert, Saudi citizen, refugee, polio sufferer, returned to Saudi Arabia on [July 31, 2014](#) under suspicious circumstances with the aid of the Saudi embassy, told friends that he feared abduction after his conversion, left a half-eaten meal behind in his [Redwood suburb](#), [Christchurch](#) apartment, police are satisfied he left voluntarily)