

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – August 1971

Sunday August 8, 1971



Russia: Moscow

Alexandr Solzhenitsyn (aged 52, author, attacked in an assassination attempt with an unknown chemical agent [most likely ricin], survived)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aleksandr_Solzhenitsyn

Monday August 9, 1971



United Kingdom: Belfast, Northern Ireland

Fr Hugh Mullan (aged 38, **shot dead** by a British Army sniper while aiding a wounded man during a mass arrest of suspected Provisional IRA members)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ballymurphy_massacre

Saturday August 21, 1971



Bolivia: La Paz

Fr Maurice Lefebvre Beaudry OMI (aged 49, Canadian citizen, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Bolivia.htm

Thursday August 26, 1971



Lithuania: Prienai

Fr Juozas Zdebskis (church raided by the authorities on [July 16, 1971](#) during his First Communion class for 300 children who were all questioned and photographed;

UPDATE: arrested by the KGB for illegal religious instruction to children)

http://www.lkbkronika.lt/en/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=347&Itemid=232

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