

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – December 1997

Saturday December 13, 1997



Nepal

Fr Thomas Gaffney SJ (**murdered** by a rectory employee in a robbery)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Nepal:-after-18-years,-killer-of-Jesuit-missionary-arrested-34066.html>

December 1997, date unknown



Zimbabwe

Rev Ndabaningi Sithole (aged 77, arrested on [June 22, 1964](#) for political activities, later sentenced to 10 years imprisonment on a charge of plotting to kill Prime Minister Ian Smith; released from prison in [1974](#); farm outside [Harare](#) confiscated in [1992](#) by the government after he allowed people made homeless by government evictions prior to a Commonwealth Nations meeting to settle on the farm; **UPDATE**: convicted of plotting to assassinate President Mugabe, later released on bail to travel to the United States for cancer treatment where he died in 2000)

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



Colombia: Bogota

Fr Samuel Calderon Pena (aged 33, **killed** by FARC militants)

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