

# Funeral held for French priest slain by Islamic State attackers during Mass

ROUEN, France (AP) — The archbishop of Rouen, leading Tuesday's solemn funeral Mass for an elderly priest slain a week ago by two extremists, said the Rev. Jacques Hamel tried to push away his attackers with his feet, saying "go away, Satan," remarks that underscored the horror of the murder at the altar that touched a chord throughout France.



A man holds a religious leaflet showing the priest Jacques Hamel during his funeral mass, outside the Rouen cathedral, Normandy, Tuesday.

Hundreds of priests and bishops filled the sumptuous Rouen cathedral along with many hundreds more people, including Muslims who have joined in the grieving since the murder of the 85-year-old priest, slashed by his attackers while celebrating morning Mass.

Hamel's grisly murder sent shockwaves that went beyond his humble work as a small-town parish priest, touching other faiths and all of France. It came less than two weeks after 84 people were killed in an attack by a hurtling truck in Nice on a crowd of Bastille Day revelers.

"Evil is a mystery. It reaches heights of horror that take us out of the human," Archbishop Dominique Lebrun said during the two-hour Mass.

wanted to say, Jacques, with your last words, when you fell to the ground? After you were struck by the knife, you tried to push away your assailants with your feet and said, 'Go away, Satan.' You repeated it, 'Go away, Satan.'"

With those words, Lebrun said, "You expressed ... your faith in the goodness of humans and that the devil put his claws in."

Roselyne Hamel, the priest's sister, told the crowd: "Let's learn to live together, let's be workers for peace."

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve, also in charge of faiths, was among those

attending the Mass in the cathedral, which dates from the 12th century. Hundreds of people watched the ceremony on a big screen outside, under constant rain.

Lebrun, celebrating the Mass, extended thanks to Catholics attending the service but also to "believers of other religious faiths, in particular the Jewish community and the Muslim community, very affected and already decided to unite for: 'Never again.'"

Lebrun invited people to return to churches on Aug. 15, the day celebrating the Assumption of Mary, to express that "violence will

not take over in their hearts."

On Sunday, dozens of Muslims in France and Italy attended Catholic Masses as a gesture of interfaith solidarity following the attack on the priest.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the attack, in which the priest, two nuns and an elderly couple were held hostage before the assailants slashed the priest's throat and seriously wounded the other man. Another nun at the Mass slipped away and raised the alarm, and police shot to death both attackers as they left the church.

Tuesday's ceremony was organized under tight security, and the burial was private.

Meanwhile, several cities and towns across the country have decided to cancel traditional August fireworks shows and other outdoor summer events, citing security reasons. After Nice, Avignon and smaller French towns cancelled their fireworks displays and authorities in Marseilles called off an air show by the renowned Patrouille de France scheduled for next week, an event that draws crowds of more than 100,000 people every year.

## Schools receive request for after-school 'Satan Club'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — After-school religious clubs appear to be the next venture of a national group that sought to install a statue of Satan outside two state capitols to protest Christian monuments on public grounds.

The Satanic Temple contacted nine public school districts across the country this week seeking to start after-school Satan programs. In all but one district, religious clubs are operated by the Child Evangelism Fellowship's Good News Clubs, in which students can study the Bible and pray, according to temple co-founder Lucien Greaves.

Several districts contacted by The Associated Press said they were reviewing the group's request and noted their facilities were available to community groups.

Mat Staver, founder of a Christian legal aid group that has represented the Child Evangelism Fellowship, said Greaves' organization was illegitimate and an "atheist group masquerading" as religious. Greaves described Satanism as an atheist philosophy whose believers "feel it provides everything a religion provides to be legitimized as such."

The Satanic Temple, which is based in Salem, Massachusetts, and has chapters in several states, said it wants to counter well-funded fundamentalist Christian organizations that it believes are eroding the separation of church and state in public schools. Greaves said the after-school program would show "that people can be of different religious opinions and still be moral, upright people."

### BRIEFLY

#### Aglow speaker challenges Christians

WALLA WALLA — Cliff Baker, founder of Mighty in Spirit Ministries, is the guest speaker for the upcoming Walla Walla Aglow Community Lighthouse meeting.

Baker focuses on challenging church members and helping Christians grow. Everyone is invited to hear him share Saturday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. at Whitman Court, 305 Ash St., Walla Walla. A freewill offering will be taken for the event, which includes lunch.

Aglow, which started in 1967, is an international organization that seeks to minister to its members and share God's word in the community. In addition to the regular monthly meetings, there are weekly prayer groups and Bible studies.

For more information, call Lora at 509-540-0212, Kathy at 509-540-2684 or visit [www.ecwaglow.com](http://www.ecwaglow.com).

#### Convoy of Hope reaches out to needy

RICHLAND — Free groceries, health services, haircuts, family portraits, veteran services, job services and a hot meal are offered to people in need during Convoy of Hope.

The event is Saturday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m. at Columbia Park, Richland, Washington. In addition, a Kids Zone will provide jump houses and other organized activities. The event is expected to last into the afternoon while supplies last.

More than 40 public services agencies, including dozens of local churches, will distribute backpacks for children, shoes for families, information about housing and offer prayer support and counseling to those who want it. More than 1,200 volunteers help with the event.

The event is sponsored by local groups in connection with Convoy of Hope, a faith-based outreach founded in 1994 and headquartered in Missouri. Last year's Tri-Cities event served more than 6,500 people.

Volunteers are still welcome to participate. A volunteers' rally will be held Friday, Aug. 12, at 7 p.m. at Faith Assembly Church, 1800 N. Road 72, Pasco. Also, volunteers will gather the day of the event at 7 a.m. in the park's band shell for instructions and assignments.

For more information, contact 509-586-6101, [dayofhopetricities@gmail.com](mailto:dayofhopetricities@gmail.com) or visit [www.convoy.org/tricities](http://www.convoy.org/tricities).

#### Christian church fires up barbecue

HERMISTON — The public is invited to the annual community barbecue at the Hermiston First Christian Church.

Pulled pork and hot dogs will be served Sunday from 5-7 p.m. on the lawn at the church, 775 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. The free event will include games and activities. Also, kids will have an opportunity to beat the heat on a slip and slide.

For more information, call 541-567-3013 or visit [www.hermistonfirstchristian.org](http://www.hermistonfirstchristian.org).

## BOARDMAN'S LIMEY PASTOR Marrying millennials; praying for politicians

It wasn't an ordinary wedding. In the seminary we might have called it post-modern, framing the service in a context of modern fairy stories.

The bride had the theme tune from "The Hobbit" movie playing as she came into view. When the married couple left, the tune was the theme from "Jurassic Park." The wedding cake was a pyramid of doughnut holes and my son, the groom, Matthew, the Harry Potter look-alike, had a miniature Harry Potter look-alike, Jack, as ring-bearer. Kylene, the bride, was radiant. I looked around at the 100 or so people and realized that many of them were about to be related to me. Jack and Ella (the flower girl) were now to be cousins of mine.

I read from the Apostle Paul. You know:

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames but have not love, I gain nothing."

My sermon was about growing together, like the trees of the forest, branches clashing together and growing old together. Behind me I had the backdrop of the magnificent forest of Champoeq Park, overlooking the water.

I said: "Like trees planted side by side you will start by bumping into each other, curling your branches around each other. There will be the sound of timber bumping into timber. From time to time you will compete for sunlight, water and soil — but over the years you will grow yourselves into each other, your branches weaving shade and green coolness for your children, your relatives and your friends. In 50 years you will be entwined together, as one mighty tree, old, gnarled, strong and beautiful beyond all youth can do. You will be the promise of love fulfilled."

I love wedding sermons and those subject to them. I love the birthing of tears, tears of great hope and promise at a future being

forged. The bride's mother and father shedding tears over her happiness and the wave of tears that circled the gathered congregation.

If angels could only bottle the miracle of wedding tears and a love that renews itself from the heart of God, it would bathe the world in peace.

A small postscript. I hope and pray that the political fire that is burning will be

quenched by waters of hope and promise. In our religion we are all one in the Body of Christ, powered by the Holy Spirit, and whether Republicans or Democrats, or other, we are

tied to the will of a Father who loves us, all of us, and who made all of us. We cannot allow our house of holiness to be divided. We cannot vote for those things that conspire against God's love for us. We must learn to grow together in the forest of God's making. This is his will.

Colin Brown is pastor of Boardman's Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.



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