

My P@rish 150 - The Parish is producing a book that showcases the Church's space, people, and priests to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. We encourage everyone to participate in this community project. You can be a parishioner or a visitor to our church. My P@rish 150 is a book about you, for you, and by you.

There are three themes for the book: space, people and priests. They are open to your interpretation and definition.

Here are some prompts to help you in your story-telling:

What is your favourite spot in the church — does it inspire or comfort you?

What is your funniest experience within SPP?

Did a priest leave a deep or even life-changing impression on you?

Be free in the way you would like to share your story! Entries may be submitted in the following forms: prose, poems, paintings, photos, illustration, or song. Detailed specifications, more information and additional prompts may be found at <https://www.spp150.com/1st-project>. Please submit all entries to myparishspp150@gmail.com. When submitting your entry, please include your name, age, gender, handphone number and your email address. Please also include the year in which you started to attend mass in SPP. **Please submit your article soon.**

SPP Columbarium - To all the niche applicants & other persons concerned. The Parish Building is closed to the public for extensive renovation works which will include the columbarium. For the safety of the public, the columbarium will be closed. Subsequent niche blessings and internment of urns will take place on Saturdays (1.00pm to 3.00pm), on appointment basis only. For your safety, a maximum of 2 family members will be allowed to witness the niche blessing and internment (with the priest and the niche contractor), and will be required to put on personal protection gears when they enter the columbarium.

Sunset Mass : 5.30pm
Rosary : 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses : 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English),
 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses : 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercensory Prayer : 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
Infant Jesus Devotion : 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion : 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour : 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
Hour of Mercy : 3.00pm daily
Secretariat's Operating Hours : Mon - CLOSED, Tues to Fri - 9.30am to 6.30pm, Sat & Sun - 9.00am to 1.00pm
 Lunch hours: 1.15am - 2.15pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

Columbarium Opening Hours : Please refer to SPP Columbarium announcement stated above.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD **Parish Secretariat:** Jannie Lui, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year A) Pg 269

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is my sheperd; there is nothing I shall want.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 23 March 2020 - SAT 28 March 2020

MON: IS 65:17-21, JN 4:43-54 **TUE:** EZ 47:1-9, 12, JN 5:1-16 **WED:** R1- IS 7:10-14; 8:10, R2 -HEB 10:4-10, LK 1:26-38 **THU:** EX 32:7-14, JN 5:31-47 **FRI:** WIS 2:1A, 12-22, JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 **SAT:** JER 11:18-20, JN 7:40-53

In view of the continuing spread of the COVID-19 virus, and for the safety of the general faithful, the Archbishop has decided to continue the suspension of public Masses till further notice.

You may wish to continue to participate in the online Masses available. Let us continue to pray for the alleviation of the global C-19 situation.

The parish office, however, will remain open during this period. Please refer to the opening hours of the parish office

Introduction to The Letters of Saint Paul (Part 6 of 9)

PAUL'S JOURNEYS AND LETTERS

Philippians. 56-57 A.D.

The Roman colony of Philippi was one of the principal cities of Macedonia; it had been evangelised by Paul in 50 A.D. during his second missionary journey, Ac 16:12-40, and he revisited it twice during his third: in the autumn of 57, Ac 20:1-2, and at Passover 58, Ac

20:3-6. His converts there had proved their affection by contributing to his support first at Thessalonika, Ph 4:16, then at Corinth 2 Co 11:9, and later still had commissioned Epaphroditus to take further contributions to him, Ph 4:10-20. Paul wrote a letter (Ph) to thank them, and to say that he accepted their gifts. Normally, Paul was afraid of doing anything that might give the impression that he was trying to make money out of his preaching. Ac 18:3+, so it seems he was on terms of special intimacy with this converts at Philippi.

Information is correct at time of publication.

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NOTE: All SPP150 talks will be cancelled due to the coronavirus alert

At the time of writing, Paul was under arrest, Ph 1:7, 12-17, and for a long time this was assumed to be the first Roman captivity. Rome, however, was so far away that it seems unlikely that communications between Paul (with whom Epaphroditus was staying) and Philippi could have been as frequent or as easy as they appear to have been, 2:25-30. Nor is it clear why, if Paul were under arrest in Rome or in Caesarea, Ac 23:23, the Philippians should say that the contribution brought by Epaphroditus was the first chance they had had since the second missionary journey (cf. the gifts mentioned in 4:10, 16) of helping the apostle, since Paul had visited them twice on this third journey. It may be easier to suppose that Paul actually wrote this letter during the third journey, before reaching Philippi, i.e. while he was at Ephesus, the capital of Roman Asia, in 56-57 hoping to visit Macedonia after his liberation (compare Ph 1:26; 2:19-24 and Ac 19:21f; 20:1; 1 Co 16:5). The 'Praetorium', Ph 1:13, and 'Caesar's household', 4:22, do not necessarily refer to Rome, since there were praetoria in all the major cities and there were most certainly detachments of the praetorian guard in Ephesus. It is true that there is no reference anywhere to an Ephesian captivity; but Luke says very little about Paul's three years there, Ac 19:1-20:1, and Paul himself mentions having fought with beasts at Ephesus, 1 Co 15:32, and troubles and imminent

death in Roman Asia, 2 Co 1:8-10. If we accept this hypothesis we shall have to dissociate Ph from Col, Ep and Phm and group it with the 'great letters', notably with 1 Co. The style and content of the letter are quite consistent with this. It is not particularly doctrinal, it is just a friendly letter, giving some news to his converts at Philippi, warning them against the 'bad workmen' who are ruining his work in other places and might turn on them next, and, above all, appealing for the unity of corporate humility. As part of this appeal Paul gives us, 2:6-11, the poem on the humility of the Messiah; and whether he wrote it or is quoting it, this poem is our chief proof that the early Church believed in the divine pre-existence of Jesus.

The authenticity of the letter is generally accepted, and it is quite possible, as some writers suggest, that it may be made up of several originally separate notes.

Source: The Jerusalem Bible, 1966

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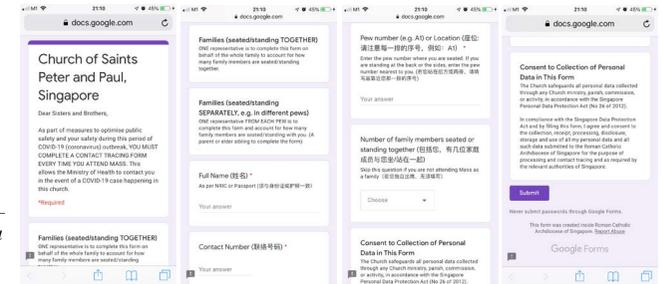
150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER.

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