

Venue: Ewing Memorial Centre of Stonnington Uniting Church, cnr. Burke Road and Coppin Street, Malvern East. Melway 59 G12

Port Melbourne Uniting Church invites you to join a study series, *Living by the Household Covenant* to explore aspects of household economics –**P.M.** church hall fortnightly Wednesdays, 6 to 8pm, including a shared meal. From this Wed 6th June.

We respectfully acknowledge the Yalukit Willam clan of the Boon Wurrung – the Traditional Owners of Port Phillip. We pay our respects to their Elders and community past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

Date	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
<i>Worship Assistance</i>	David Randall	David Desleigh	Janet	Andrej
<i>Welcome at door</i>	Deb	Roma	Brian	Janet
<i>Pre-Service Prayer</i>	Brian	Janet	Melissa	Roma
<i>Flowers</i>	Desleigh	Andrej & Petka	Louise	Deb
<i>Coffee</i>	Mark & Ruth	Melissa & Darren	Randall	Roma
<i>Rubbish collection</i>	Andrej & Petka	Brian & Janet	Melissa & Darren	Deb

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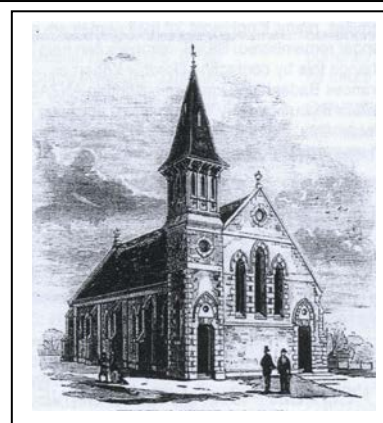
VISION STATEMENT:

As a community of faith, the St Kilda Uniting Church Parish Mission strives to do what is just, to show constant love and to walk humbly with God.

NEWSLETTER DETAILS:

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**St Kilda Uniting Church
Parish Mission**

NEWSLETTER

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Sunday, 3 June 2018

Pentecost 2

A very warm welcome to everyone. Today Rev. David Pargeter will lead us in worship which includes communion. Please stay afterwards for tea/coffee and conversation. This will be followed by lunch together if you can stay

Bible Readings: Leviticus: 19: 9 – 18 pg. 132, Mark 12:28 – 34 pg. 1113

It's not often that 'Mabo Day' falls on a Sunday.

It's worth learning about **Eddie 'Koiki' Mabo** because in so many ways he warrants the title of **National Hero**. You probably already know a lot about him but let me just refresh your memory. Eddie was born on 29 June 1936, in the community of Las on Mer, known as Murray Island in the Torres Strait. His birth name was Eddie Koiki Sambo; however he was raised by his Uncle Benny Mabo through a customary 'Island adoption'. At the time, the islands were strictly regulated by the Queensland Government. But like many Indigenous communities around the world, the Meriam people tried to preserve some continuity with the past by living a traditional lifestyle. This relationship was both active and unbroken; they fished, harvested the land, and followed customary Law.

At the age of 16, Eddie was exiled from Murray Island for breaking customary Island law, and he set off for the mainland where a new life was waiting for him. Eddie had many jobs throughout his life, including an assistant teacher; a deck hand on pearl lugger and tug boats; a fletcher on the Queensland railway tracks; a cane cutter; and a grounds keeper.

Eddie was also an artist and writer. Some of his art works and writings can be found at the National Library of Australia.

It was while working as a grounds keeper at James Cook University in Townsville that Eddie learned about Australian land ownership laws. He believed the land he grew up on, belonged to the Torres Strait Islander people who had lived there for thousands of years. But, Australian law stated that the Government owned the land. Eddie believed that these laws on land ownership were wrong and decided to fight to change them.

For me, Eddie is heroic in the sense that he took on a seemingly hopeless cause and never gave up. Partly, I suspect because he didn't want to let his father down and prove to him that even though he was living on the mainland, he had not forgotten his cultural heritage.

After an 11-year legal battle, Eddie Mabo died of cancer in February 1992, just 4 months before this historic high court ruling that would change Australian land law. The historic judgement overturned the extremely offensive idea of terra nullius 'land belonging to nobody' and claimed that native title survived in many places, even though the land had been taken by the Crown.

On 3 June 1992 six of the seven High Court Judges ruled: '*The Meriam people are entitled as against the whole world, to possession, occupation, use and enjoyment of the lands of the Murray Islands*'. The High Court judge states: "*The nation as a whole must remain diminished unless and until there is an acknowledgment of and a retreat from those past injustices.*"

**Shalom
David**

Songs/Hymns

Time is so much more than passing moments

Time is so much more than passing moments
slipping through our hands like
falling rain.

Help us God to use our time more
wisely
Thinking how to live and to serve
you every day.

Time to share with loved ones and
our neighbours
Time to share with strangers on the
street.

Time to say hello and smell the roses
Smiling at the world and the people
that we meet.

Time to do those things that are life
giving
Simple things that lift our spirits high

Things that keep our busy lives in
balance
Filling life with joy and with meaning
every day

Time to work with you God on
creation
Seeking peace and justice here on
earth
Time to reconcile and be forgiving
Bringing hope and love to a world that
needs re-birth.

(Words, David Pargeter 8/2017
Tune: The Last Supper)

Love is the Touch of Intangible Joy

Love is the touch of intangible joy
Love is the force that no fear can
destroy
Love is the goodness we gladly
applaud
God is where love is, for love is of
God

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice
Love is the hope that can make us
rejoice.
Love is the cure for the frightened and
flawed,
God is where love is, for love is of
God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain,
Love is the will to be whole once again
Love is the trust of a friend on the road
God is where love is, for love is of God

Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son
Love is the kingdom their will has
begun
Love is the pathway the saints all have
trod
God is where love is for love is of God.
(words: Alison M Robertson, tune: John Bell)

Tomorrow Monday 4 June is Mabo Day celebration. Features a ***Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony*** by the Boon Wurrung Foundation. Raising the Aboriginal flag and the Torres Strait Islander flag and a very special performance of Traditional Islander dance by Gerib Sik Torres Strait Islander dance group **Time:** 11am to 2pm

Venue: St Kilda Town Hall
Contact: Fred Gesha 9209 6502 or
fred.gesha@portphillip.vic.gov.au

163 TABLE CONVERSATIONS Sharing Food – Sharing Ideas. The next dinner/conversations is at the church on **Tuesday June 12.** **The speaker will be Karen Sait, CEO Port Phillip Community Group.** – **Nibbles 6.15** followed by **dinner.** All welcome – bring your friends! RSVP to Janet 0417 670 132 BYO drinks. Donations appreciated.

PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIAN NETWORK Vic

SUNDAY June 24: 3:00pm, David Tacey will speak on: "***Return of the sacred and religion inspired terrorism***".