

Full Name	Mr Graeme Mundine
Bio	<p>Graeme Mundine, a Bundjalung man from Northern NSW, is a well respected Indigenous Catholic leader having been involved in Church and Indigenous affairs for more than three decades. As a Marist Brother he commenced his working life as a teacher and later worked in youth ministry.</p> <p>In 1991, Graeme took up the role of inaugural Chair and Coordinator of the newly formed National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). He was instrumental in establishing NATSICC as a vibrant Aboriginal voice within the Catholic Church.</p> <p>After eight years in this role he took a break from Church and became a travel agent. It was not long however before he was called back and joined the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Ecumenical Commission (NATSIEC), a commission of the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA) where his scope widened from a Catholic focus to include working with all member Churches of the NCCA. He remained committed to advocating for Aboriginal rights within the Churches and the wider community. During his time at NATSIEC he established projects such as the Make Indigenous Poverty History project and the biannual Christ and Culture Indigenous Theology Conference.</p> <p>Graeme was with the NCCA for 8 years, but is now the Executive Officer of the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry in the Sydney Archdiocese.</p>
Title	Everyone's talking about us: inculturation from an Aboriginal perspective
Brief Description	This workshop will explore inculturation from an Aboriginal perspective. Key Church teaching on inculturation will be explored as well as the impact of the new translation on Aboriginal cultural practices within the liturgy. I will also present some options that are being discussed amongst Aboriginal Catholics about possible pathways towards authentic inculturation.

<p>Overview</p>	<p>Since the earliest days the Catholic Church has had to grapple with the relationship between culture and faith. In Australia, we already knew about God before the arrival of the colonisers, but the missions brought Jesus to the Aboriginal people along with their western culture. Now, fifty years after Vatican II and despite Pope John Paul II's speech to the Aboriginal people, the Church is still grappling with Aboriginal presence within the Church and especially within liturgy. Despite generations of Aboriginal Catholics participating in the life of the Church we are often marginalised and spoken about as subjects of mission or welfare works rather included as Catholics equal in baptism.</p> <p>This workshop will address these issues and present an Aboriginal perspective on inculturation. In the workshop I will highlight key Church teaching on inculturation and whether this thinking translates into practice. There will be a particular focus on the impact of the new translation on Aboriginal cultural practices within the liturgy. I will also present some options that are being discussed amongst Aboriginal Catholics about possible pathways towards authentic inculturation.</p>
<p>Type</p>	<p>Paper</p>
<p>Audience</p>	<p>Clergy; Lay Pastoral Ministers; Liturgical Environment, Sacristans; Liturgy Committees; Liturgy Coordinators; Liturgists; Parish Liturgy Committees; Teachers and Catechists</p>
<p>Breakout</p>	<p>F</p>