

Ngome Marian Shrine

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Guidelines and Information for Pilgrims

(Effective Jan 2015)

Dear Pilgrim! In the name of the Diocese of Eshowe, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and Benedictine Sisters serving this Sanctuary, we are pleased to welcome you to Ngome. Thank you for your openness in responding to the Holy Spirit's invitation to visit this Sanctuary of Grace and Prayer. May our eternal and ever-loving God, through the intercession of our Heavenly Mother, Tabernacle of the Most High, reward you for all the efforts you make to come to Ngome. As we would like your stay at the Ngome Sanctuary (Shrine) to be as pleasant and helpful as possible, we are providing you with some recommendations, and ask you sincerely to read them carefully and to abide by them. The Shrine is closed to Pilgrims during (Holy Week) Easter (29 March - 05 April 2015) and Christmas (20-30 December 2015).

1. *Holy Mass is celebrated only in the Chapel on the Rock and the Parish Church.* It is ONLY possible to celebrate Holy Mass at the Springs, with prior permission of the Rector. At VERY special celebrations Holy Mass will be celebrated in front of the Parish Church for extra-ordinarily large congregations. For all pilgrimages, the priest who would be the main celebrant at a Holy Mass at Ngome is expected to confirm this ministry with the Rector before arriving at the Shrine. The largest group that is accommodated at Ngome will ALWAYS be given the first preference to have the priest/s who accompanies them to be the MAIN CELEBRANT and/or PREACHER at the Mass.
2. All priests are invited to concelebrate during the Holy Mass. Priests who accompany day groups are also asked to concelebrate during the Mass. Mass times are as follows:
 - 11h00 Saturday morning Mass in English or the vernacular of the congregation
 - 22h00 Saturday evening Mass in the vernacular of the congregation
 - 06h30 Sunday morning Mass in English or the vernacular of the congregation
 - 07h30 Monday morning Mass in English or Zulu or the vernacular of the congregation
 - 06h30 Tuesday to Thursday weekday morning Masses in English or the vernacular of the congregation
 - 17h30 Friday weekday evening Masses in English or the vernacular of the congregation

Those priests who wish to be the Main Celebrant and/or preach at Mass need to make prior arrangements with the Rector. *All Celebrants are expected to wear an Alb, Stole and Chasuble (Chasuble and Stoles for Holy Mass will be provided by the Shrine).* Bring what is necessary (Alb, celebration booklet...), and if you have permission from your local ordinary to hear Confessions - to be at the disposal of pilgrims for Confessions in your language, or in the language you speak. For those wishing to join the Parish Mass, it is celebrated on Sunday morning at 10h00 in Zulu (English may also be used for English speaking congregants).

3. All priests working in the Sanctuary have permission to meet pilgrim groups and give conferences or talks. All visiting priests who accompany pilgrims have to obtain permission from the Rector to present any talks.
4. *No one, except the commissioned clergy, has the permission to "pray over" any person either in or around the Church area or at the Place of the Seven Springs.* Prayer meetings and gatherings in the sanctuary can be organised only with the permission of the Rector.
5. For a group or a family to visit the Shrine, all leaders of these pilgrim groups are expected to make prior bookings in order to secure this visit, *this includes day and night visiting groups.* This process will ensure that the infrastructure of the Shrine may be able to cope with the number of pilgrims visiting at any given time. Leaders of pilgrim groups together with the accompanying priest(s) must meet with the Rector and/or Assistant Rectors upon arrival at the Shrine to discuss the final programme for their stay. Leaders of pilgrim groups must arrange their meetings with priests or guest speakers at the Sanctuary with the Rector before arrival at the Shrine. Leaders should also arrange to meet with the Rector or Assistant Rector to prepare for the Holy Mass(es). Music should be carefully chosen according to the liturgical norms of the Church, and those proclaiming the Word should be suitably prepared. *Those in charge of the worship must meet with the Rector or his Assistant Rector before Holy Mass to finalise the liturgy to be used during the worship.*
6. Pilgrimage group-leaders should book the accommodation for their group providing the intended number of pilgrims. The number of males, females and children should be specified for bed allocations. This should be done via fax at 034 967 9120 or email at shrine@ngome.co.za. Children under the age of 12 years may pay half-price. Your booking request will be approved via email or fax from the Shrine. Once you have received approval, to

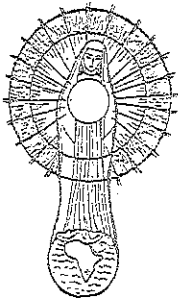
confirm your booking, a 30% non-refundable payment should be made 2 months before the date you are to arrive at Ngome. If bookings are not confirmed 2 months before your group is to arrive, the booking may be given to another group for the urgent need. This is necessary as there are untimely last-minute cancellations which make it impossible for those desperately wanting to visit the Sanctuary to make their bookings at any shorter notice. Families may also book as some rooms have been setup for this purpose (this is not always possible when the Shrine is very full). Single individuals or small groups may also book even if they are not part of an officially organized pilgrimage group.

7. You are asked not to make any other arrangements during the prayer on Saturday evenings between 19h00 - 20h30. No other liturgies or prayer activities are allowed during this time at the Shrine. Instead it is a period of *Communal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for everyone*. The Rector and/or Assistants will preside at this liturgy and lead the singing.
8. The area around the Chapels and Church, the Madonna Grotto, the Place of the Seven Springs, and the Stations of the Cross, are all places of prayer. We ask you to please respect them as such, to behave in harmony with their significance and to dress appropriately so as not to disturb the prayer and meditation of other pilgrims. No eating or drinking is allowed in the church and chapels. We ask you to preserve the cleanliness of all these places. Toilet facilities and litter bins have been provided. The TOILETS can be found in the main dormitory and flat for those pilgrims who have booked accommodation. Other toilets are available in the ablution facility next to the school for day-pilgrims and night-pilgrims.
9. No candles are to be lit in the Original Chapel of Apparition, at the Place of the Seven Springs, in the Parish Church or at the Madonna Grotto. They may be lit in the Chapel on the Rock at the candle-stand provided. Votive offerings (money), religious articles, or photos should **not** be left at the Original Chapel of Apparition or at the Place of the Seven Springs. These may be dropped into the petition boxes in the Chapel on the Rock or the Parish Church.
10. Smoking is not allowed in or around the special places of prayer. Those wishing to smoke may do so behind the main dormitory accommodation for pilgrims or behind the dining hall.
11. Those who wish to collect water from the Place of the Seven Springs may do so with *containers no larger than 10 litres*. **25 LITRE CONTAINER OR LARGER ONES ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE USED AT NGOME**. *The Local children are not allowed to carry the containers for pilgrims*.
12. *It is forbidden to solicit any money, apart from the offerings during Holy Mass*. It is thus forbidden for any individual or group to sell Sacramental items or oils at the Shrine. All Sacramental items are sold at the Shrine Repository. Special collection boxes are to be used for the collection during Holy Mass. If anyone tries to solicit money from you for any other purpose, please contact the Rector. Boxes are available in the Chapel on the Rock and the Parish Church in front of the altar for personal petitions.
13. *OILS for use during prayer or devotions are not to be given out or sold to the laity...BY DECREE OF THE DIOCESAN BISHOP*. Use of oils is strictly the domain of the ordained clergy in the Catholic Church. At Ngome, the Sacrament of the Sick may be administered according to the liturgical norms, i.e. outside of Holy Mass.
14. Conscious of the presence of God, and in order to protect the atmosphere of prayer and meditation, it is not allowed to take photos during Holy Mass and/or during Adoration.
15. We ask that Mass intentions, pledges or donations for the maintenance of the Sanctuary of Our Mother, Tabernacle of the Most High, be given to the Rector or Assistant Rector or dropped into the boxes at collection time during Holy Mass.
16. **PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE AT NIGHT TO NGOME UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE...YOU WILL GET LOST IN THE MOUNTAINS ESPECIALLY IF THERE'S MIST AND RAIN.**
17. We trust that the focus of your pilgrimage will be to spend time in prayer with the Eucharistic Lord who has invited us to worship and adore God through the kindness of his Mother, Mary Tabernacle of the Most High. Thank you. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR PILGRIM GROUP IS AWARE OF ALL THIS INFORMATION WHEN THEY BOOK.** In the Lord Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate.

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WEEKEND PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME

FRIDAY

- 16h00 **Arrival:** Pilgrims enter Chapel on Rock and greet the Lord: 1 minute.
Enter Chapel of Apparition to greet Our Blessed Mother with 7 Hail Mary's.
In the meantime, unpack the bus. Pilgrims return to bus and fetch luggage & settle in. Each pilgrim then goes to Our Lady's Grotto opposite the Main Dormitory to pray the particular petition before Her image. Then they enter into Chapel/Church for Holy Mass.
- 17h30 **HOLY MASS**
- 18h30 **SUPPER**
- 20h00 Quiet private Adoration with Confessions offered
or quiet visit to the Place of the Springs,
or Chapel on the Rock or Chapel of Apparition...personal prayer
Retire/Sleep
- 21h30

SATURDAY

- 06h00 Meet in Chapel on the Rock and Pray Rosary to the Place of the Seven Springs. At the Springs...Priest(s) leads pilgrims in Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Priest(s) and Deacon(s) prays over Pilgrims...and then leads Litany of Blessed Virgin Mary. Return in silence to Grotto of Mary and pray decade of Rosary quietly.
- 07h30 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament in Chapel of Apparition for **PERPETUAL ADORATION** by individuals or groups until 6pm
- 07h30 **BREAKFAST**
- 08h30 Talk/Conference
- 10h00 Private Prayer ...Confessions can also be offered (*During Conference*)
- 11h00 **HOLY MASS**
- 12h00 **LUNCH**
Quiet time for Prayer & Reflection or Shopping at Repository until 15h00
- 13h30 Confessions can be offered
- 15h00 Pray Divine Mercy Chaplet
Pray the Stations of the Cross.

PLEASE REST FOR EVENING ADORATION

- 17h30 **PERPETUAL ADORATION** ends...
- 17h30 **SUPPER**

PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL FOR ADORATION

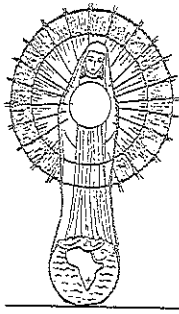
- 18h15 Praise and Worship
- 19h00 **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** with Prayer for Healing
- 20h30 Time for Faith Questions to answered by Priests,
Personal Prayer Time....Retire/Sleep
- 24h00 Candlelight Procession with Tabernacle of the Most High Statue from Parish Church down the Stations around and up the paved pathway back to the Parish Church.

SUNDAY

- 06h30 **HOLY MASS** with Blessing of Religious Articles and Gifts
- 07h30 **BREAKFAST**
- 09h00 Departure

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TWO-DAY PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMME

DAY 1

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17h30 **HOLY MASS**

18h30 **SUPPER**

20h00 Quiet private Adoration with Confessions offered
or quiet visit to the Place of the Springs,
or Chapel on the Rock or Chapel of Apparition...personal prayer

21h30 Retire/Sleep

DAY 2

06h00 Meet in Chapel on the Rock and Pray Rosary to the Place of the Seven Springs. At the Springs...Priest(s) leads pilgrims in Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Priest(s) and Deacon(s) prays over Pilgrims...and then leads Litany of Blessed Virgin Mary. Return in silence to Grotto of Mary and pray decade of Rosary quietly.

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08h30 Talk/Conference

10h00 Private Prayer ...Confessions can also be offered during the Talk

11h00 **HOLY MASS**

12h00 **LUNCH**
Quiet time for Prayer & Reflection or Shopping at Repository until 15h00

13h30 Confessions can be offered

15h00 Pray Divine Mercy Chaplet
Pray the Stations of the Cross.

PLEASE REST FOR EVENING ADORATION

17h30 **PERPETUAL ADORATION** ends...

17h30 **SUPPER**

PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL FOR ADORATION

19h00 **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** with Prayer for Healing

20h30 Time for Faith Questions to answered by Priests,
Personal Prayer Time...Retire/Sleep

24h00 Candlelight Procession with Tabernacle of the Most High Statue down the Stations around and up the paved pathway back to the Parish Church.

DAY 3

06h30 **HOLY MASS** with Blessing of Religious Articles and Gifts

07h30 **BREAKFAST**

09h00 Departure

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