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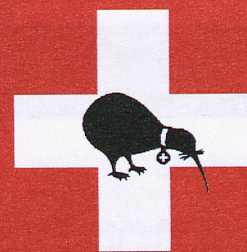
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Pleureuses von Romont

Romont, a small picturesque town dating back to the 10th century, is located on the main roads and railway lines connecting Lausanne and Fribourg, between the lakes and the mountains.



Romont has many heritage sites of national significance, such as The Cistercian Abbey De La Fille-Dieu, Romont Castle, the Museum Suisse du Vitrail et Centre (Swiss museum of stained glass), the collegiate church of Notre-Dame de l'Assomption, and the town's fortifications are listed as a Swiss heritage site of national significance. The entire village of Romont is part of the Inventory of Swiss Heritage Sites.

Good Friday Funeral Procession

It is here that the annual procession of "Pleureuses von Romont" takes place, a custom linked to an ancient 15th-century tradition. This procession takes place on Good Friday in this old medieval town. The ceremony begins with a Mass and a reading from the Bible of the Passion of Christ.

When the Bible reading of the Passion narrative reaches the point of mourning for

Jesus, a group of women with veiled faces and clothed in black begin a procession through the town's cobblestoned streets and past its ancient buildings. The Virgin Mary leads the procession, with the one who atoned bearing the cross. They carry the emblems of Christ's martyrdom on scarlet cushions, namely the crown of thorns, which was one of the instruments of the Passion, employed by Jesus' captors both to cause him pain and to mock his claim of authority.

The mourners also carry scourges, nails, hammer, and St. Veronica's shroud. According to Church tradition, Veronica was moved with pity when she saw Jesus carrying his cross to Golgotha and gave him her veil that he might wipe his forehead. Jesus accepted the offering, held it to his face, and then handed it back to her—his face miraculously impressed upon it.

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