

# The shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon

R.C. world centre of prayer  
for the deceased

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And of Christian hope



Aerial view of the shrine and its surroundings

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de Montligeon

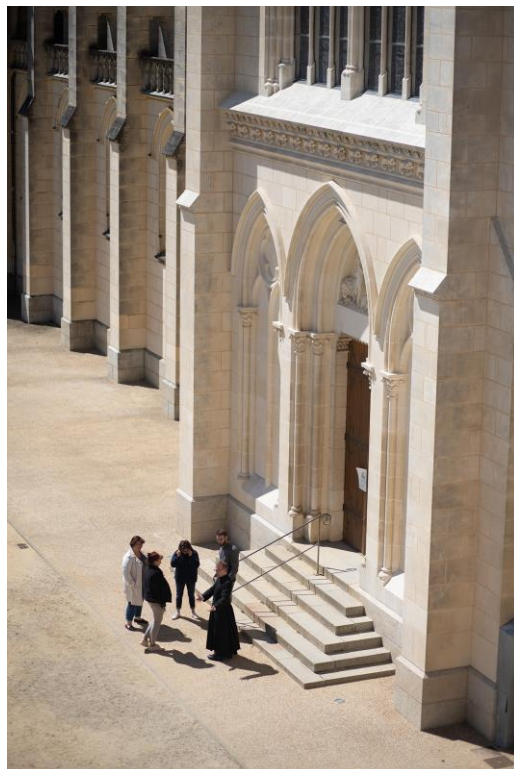
Located 93 miles west of Paris, deep within the natural Park of Perche, Normandy, France, this unique shrine waits for you. The Roman Catholic Shrine of Our Lady of Montligeon brings together, a world centre of prayer for the deceased, a beacon of Christian hope, and a sanctuary of consolation for the bereaved, as well support sessions to people suffering from work related stress. All year round, it welcomes searchers of peace and comfort on pilgrimage and retreat.

## Under the gaze of Mary

Once at the shrine, pilgrims cannot help but experience being personally received by Our Lady Liberator, portrayed by the imposing statue beyond the high altar in the basilica. Mary's protection over each of her children begins here on earth and lasts beyond death, until every one has reached blessed eternity.

## Eternal life has already begun!

Eternal life is already under way: this is the heart of the message of Montligeon. With divine life developing in us throughout our life, we may then enter into a genuine relationship with one deceased loved ones, for bonds are not severed when someone dies. Experiencing Montligeon means experiencing communion beyond death, love stronger than death!



# Receiving all

Everyone feels welcomed at the Montligeon shrine: Christians and non-Christians; committed faithful or people in search; individuals, couples, families, friends and other constituted groups; young and elderly people; French nationals, and visitors from further abroad! The priests, nuns, employees and volunteers will be happy to receive and attend to you. Welcome home!

# A place of prayer and encounter

At the shrine, the exceptional environment leads to prayer: its peace and quiet, away from the hustle and bustle of the cities, its preserved natural setting, its great basilica hurling its steeples into the sky, its daily prayer services, especially the Eucharist. Perpetual Mass is the very core of the Oeuvre of Montligeon, and has been celebrated on a daily basis for over 100 years now, for the deceased entrusted to the shrine and enrolled in the "Fraternity of Montligeon". Today people still enrol their beloved, whether living or already deceased. In addition, pilgrims can ask to be received for counsel, by one of the chaplains or nuns ministering at the shrine. Last but not least, the sympathetic and friendly atmosphere often prompts caring encounters and exchanges among pilgrims.

# Genesis

In 1878, Rev. Fr. Paul-Joseph Buguet was assigned to the hamlet of La Chapelle-Montligeon, in eastern rural Normandy. The faith-strong and active, yet humble, parish priest worked unexpected wonders.

His twofold intuition, that of engaging people to pray for souls in Purgatory and, in return, to provide secure employment was the key reason for the creation and development of the shrine. Yet, despite subsequent social, economical and religious alterations since then, his legacy remains true. In Montligeon, heaven and earth work hand in hand.

"I was seeking to reconcile a twofold aim of fostering prayer for the abandoned souls and, in return, obtaining from them a way for workers to earn a living."



# Useful Information

## Bookings:

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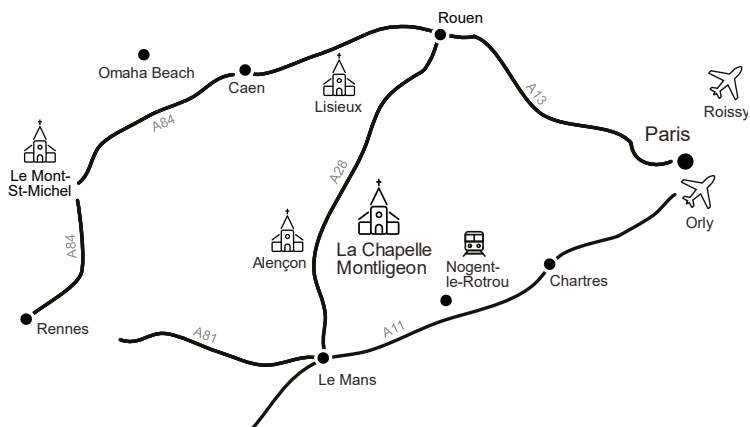
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Mon-Sat.: 09:00-12:00 & 14:00-18:00

Sundays: 09:00-11.00/12:00-13:00/14:00-17:30

## Divine office & counselling schedules

|                       | Sundays & Solemnities | Saturdays      | Week           |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Morning Prayers       | 09:00                 | 07:30          | 07:30          |
| Mass                  | 11:00                 | 08:00 & 11:30  | 08:00 & 11:30  |
| Rosary                | 14:30                 | 17:15          | 17h15          |
| Eucharistic Adoration | 15:15                 | -              | 17:45          |
| Evening Prayers       | 15:00                 | 17:45          | 18:45          |
| Confessions           | 15:15 to 16:00        | 15:30 to 17:30 | 17:45 to 18:45 |



Sleeping capacity: 300, catering capacity: 500, 20 meeting or conference rooms, 5 chaplains, 12 nuns, volunteers and employees on avail to receive you throughout the year.

## OLM prayer groups

900 groups in 45 countries devoted to praying for the deceased and grieving people, are crucial for Our Lady of Montligeon Fraternity.

OLM prayer groups are funded on 3 essentials:

- Praying for the deceased,
- Training on eternal life,
- Effective commitment in charitable endeavours.