

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE**  
**ST WILFRID'S WAY 2025**  
**We Walk as 'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'**

**LEEDS CATHEDRAL**

ROUNDHAY PARK

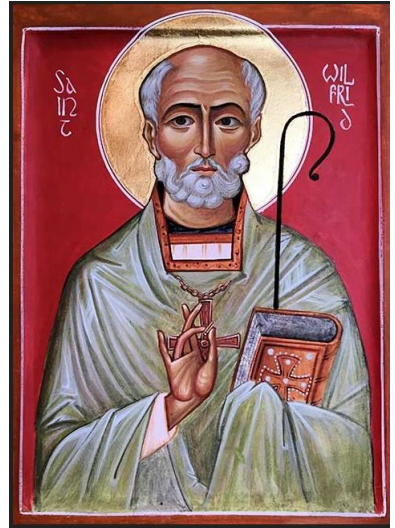
SHADWELL

EAST KESWICK

WOOD HALL

SICKINGHALL

SPOFFORTH



**KNARESBOROUGH, OUR LADY OF THE CRAG**



RIPLEY

BISHOP THORNTON

MARKENFIELD HALL

WHITCLIFFE LANE

**10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

# THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of the new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

*Franciscus*

## **PRAYER OF THE PILGRIMS**

Lord, you who recalled your servant Abraham,  
out of the town Ur in Chaldea, who watched over him  
during all his wanderings; you who guided the Jewish  
people through the desert, we also query to watch your  
present servants, who for love of your name make  
a pilgrimage to Ripon.

Be for us,  
a companion on our journey,  
the guide on our intersections,  
the strengthening during fatigue,  
the resource on our itinerary,  
the shadow in our heat,  
the light in our darkness,  
the consolation in our dejection,  
the power of our intention.

So that under your guidance, safely and unhurt,  
we may reach the end of our journey and strengthened  
with gratitude and power, secure and with happiness,  
may join our home.

For Jesus Christ, Our Lord, Amen.  
Apostle James, pray for us  
Holy Virgin, pray for us  
St Wilfrid, pray for us

Given on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2013 in the Church of Virgen del Puy de Estella in the Parish of San Miguel, Estella en-route to Santiago de Compostela.  
Author's note; I have changed the destination from Santiago de Compostela to Ripon.

### **We will walk through parts of the following Parishes:**

<b>Leeds</b>	<b>Mother of Unfailing Help &amp; St John Mary Vianney</b>
<b>Wetherby</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>
<b>Knaresborough</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>
<b>Harrogate,</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>
<b>Bishop Thornton</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>
<b>Ripon</b>	<b>St Wilfrid's</b>

# CAMINO TO RIPON

Camino – means “the path” or “the way”

Walk, a “Camino” from Leeds Cathedral to Ripon

Vatican City, 21 January 2016 (VIS) – Pope Francis, said this morning as he received in the Paul VI Hall three thousand leaders of pilgrimages and rectors of shrines, participating in the Jubilee.

"Making a pilgrimage to shrines is one of the most eloquent expressions of the faith of a people for God ... This popular religiosity is an authentic form of evangelisation that must be promoted and emphasised, without minimising its importance."

"It would be a mistake to think that those who go on a pilgrimage live a spirituality that is not personal but rather of the 'masses'. The reality is that the pilgrim carries within him his own history and faith, and the lights and shadows of his own life. Each person carries within his or her heart a special wish and a particular prayer shrines, participating in the Jubilee."

**This booklet is intended as a guide for those who may wish to **START** a journey of personal discovery: a Camino.**

From the Door of Leeds Cathedral (the Cathedral Church of St Anne) you can now start your Camino or your Pilgrimage to St Wilfrid's Catholic Church, Ripon (and to Ripon Cathedral, which is dedicated to St Peter and St Wilfrid)

Why Ripon? St Wilfrid became Bishop of Ripon in 658 the Cathedral was founded in 672. The Cathedral Crypt is the only part of St Wilfrid's original Saxon church to have survived intact. This makes it one of England's oldest Church buildings still in use. St Wilfrid was enshrined in Ripon in 710.

***17.30 Vigil Mass St Wilfrid's on Saturday 11th October  
2025***

**PILGRIMS ARE ASKED TO NOTE THAT THEY  
WALK AT THEIR OWN RISK!**

The booklet describes a Camino from Leeds Cathedral to Knaresborough and Ripon. It follows old paths and has been planned with a minimum of road walking. It makes full use of public bridleways and footpaths, transformed railway lines and riverside walks, and green spaces in urban areas.

The Camino is approximately **33.3 miles in length**, **23.4 miles** of which are off-road walking. The Way is relatively flat, with only minor ups and downs!

**Outline of the route from Leeds Cathedral** is as follows: via Bus from Vicar Lane to Roundhay Park. Starting our Camino here, we walk through, Roundhay Park, to Shadwell, and Wike and on to East Keswick. **(6.8 Miles)**

Crossing the River Wharfe, we pass Woodhall on through the villages of Sicklinghall to the Church of The Immaculate Conception and on to Spofforth, **(5.2 miles)** walking along Crimble Beck and via the River Nidd to the Chapel of Lady of the Crag, Knaresborough. **(5.0 Miles)**.

## **You will have walked 17 miles from the Cathedral**

**Leaving Knaresborough** along Waterside and the Beryl Burton Cycle way we join at Bilton **(2.5 miles)** the Nidderdale Cycle Way to arrive in Ripley, in **(2.5 miles)**

Here, we join the Nidderdale Way, and walk along the perimeter of the Ripley home park to Bedlam and on to Bishop Thornton, site of the oldest Church in the Diocese, **(3 Miles)**. On towards Markenfield Hall **(4.8 miles away)** passing Raventofts Hall and its rich historical association with Bishop Thornton, towards Ingerthorpe Hall and Strait Lane, Markenfield Hall,

Last leg **(3.5 miles)** to Ripon via Picnic tables at the top of Whitcliffe Lane going towards Whitcliffe Wood to Hell Wath Cottage and along the River Skell to St Wilfrid's Church, Ripon.

The Cathedral of St Peter and St Wilfrid – housed the tomb of St Wilfrid and has the oldest Cathedral crypt in England. It is a 10 min walk from St Wilfrid's.

**Final Day total 16.3 miles from Knaresborough**

**SEE PAGE 27 FOR DAILY TIMETABLE FOR GUIDANCE**

**The choice is yours, to do the walk to Ripon in SECTIONS or as a TWO day pilgrimage.**

## **PLEASE DO TAKE TIME TO READ - THE SAFETY NOTES**

1. Please use pavements wherever they are available. Some of the roads can be very busy; especially near Leeds, East Keswick, and Spofforth, approaching Knaresborough, Ripley and Ripon. There is 9.6 miles of road walking, mainly on minor roads.
2. As we pass through the beautiful countryside of West and North Yorkshire, please do follow the Country Code, remembering to respect fields, gates, stiles, walls and hedges on which so many farmers depend for their livelihoods.
3. Wear sensible and comfortable boots or other footwear. Parts of the Camino maybe muddy and wet after rainfall.
4. Ensure that you have a waterproof with you.
5. Carry at least 1 litre of water or drinks with you, REMEMBER to have a small drink say every 20 -30 mins, this helps to reduce the danger of dehydration, also helps to reduce injuries and blisters.
6. Take something to eat, REMEMBER you burn a lot of calories when walking up to 15+ miles.
7. If you start to feel tired and cannot complete the whole walk, firstly do not worry, you can always complete it later.
8. Public transport can be found at a number of locations within a short distance from the main route. *See pages 25 & 26 for more details.*

**Finally, it's not a race** – it is intended to be enjoyed and walked as a pilgrimage, either with a group or alone. Relax, enjoy and listen to nature and your inner self.

**WALK IT IN SECTIONS OR AS A WHOLE - THE CHOICE IS YOURS!**

REMEMBER the good Lord is always with us.

**Whatever you do – for heaven's sake don't forget to start!**

The author has made every effort to ensure that at time of printing all the details and information in this guide are correct. The author accepts no responsibility for changes however made to pathways or diversions and public transport timetables.

## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?

This will depend on individual ability and fitness. You can walk it in SECTIONS. If you base your times on 2.5 mph, the section estimated TIMES in hours are shown below. Remember you do not have to walk the whole way at one go.

If attempting to walk to St **WILFRID'S RIPON**, **33.3** miles is a long way!!!!

Consider walking over 2 or 3 days using this booklet as your guide. The walk has been split into 5 sections, with good public transport connections. Knaresborough at halfway would be a good overnight stop.

### *Ripon Cathedral is open daily from 08.30 to 18.00*

#### Section ONE

	Track	Road	SECTION Miles	TOTAL Miles	SECTION Time Hrs
Leeds Cathedral to Roundhay					
Shadwell and East Keswick	5.1	1.7	6.8	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2.6</b>

#### Section TWO

East Keswick to Wood Hall					
Sicklinghall and Spofforth	4.0	1.2	5.2	<b>12.0</b>	<b>2.1</b>

#### Section THREE

Spofforth to Knaresborough	2.6	2.4	5.0	<b>17.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
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#### Section FOUR

Knaresborough to Ripley	4.5	0.5	5.0	<b>22.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
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#### Section FIVE

Ripley to Bishop Thornton	2.2	0.8	3.0	<b>25.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>
B Thornton to Markenfield Hall	2.1	2.7	4.8	<b>29.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>
Markenfield Hall to Ripon	2.0	1.5	3.5	<b>33.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>

“Road” is one with regular traffic e.g. A658 / B6165 or C roads.

“Tracks” are public footpaths / bridleways and minor farm roads.

## **ABBREVIATIONS USED IN GUIDE**

R – Right

TR – Turn Right

RHS - Right Hand Side

L - Left

TL – Turn Left

LHS - Left Hand Side

PFS – Public Footpath Sign (Green)

PBWay - Public Bridleway

GSP – Green Signpost

PBWay SP - Public B/Way Signpost

SP – Signpost

FPS – Footpath Sign (Blue)

FP - Footpath Post – usually with yellow arrows

YMP - Marker post with Yellow Arrow

TF Lights – Traffic Lights

CH Club House

LCW (Two Owls) – Leeds Country Way

NCW – Nidderdale Cycle Way

NW – Nidderdale Way (Curlew signs)

RRW - Ripon Rowel Way (6 points on a circle signs)

NT – National Trust

PT – **PUBLIC TRANSPORT** Please see pages 24 & 25 for further details

***Any italics highlighted like this indicates a change for 2025***

**PLEASE NOTE:** Public conveniences are to be found en-route only very occasionally, so you will have to use cafes, garages, pubs, and supermarkets!

**OS EXPLORER MAPS USED:**

289 LEEDS (Harrogate, Wetherby and Pontefract)

298 NIDDERDALE

## Section ONE

6.8 Miles

Cathedral to Vicar Lane	0.4 mile	Walking Time:	9 min
Roundhay to Shadwell	2.0 miles	Walking Time:	45 min
Shadwell to East Keswick	4.4 miles	Walking Time:	1hr 45 min

Leave Leeds Cathedral and walk down Cookridge Street to the Headrow and TL. Walk along, the Headrow and TL into **Vicar Lane**.

**PT:** Catch **No 12** Bus to Roundhay from **Stand J** Bus every 10 mins.

Get off the bus at the Terminus opposite entrance to Roundhay Park, with its large ornamental gates.

**TAKE CARE use Pelican to cross road.** Enter Roundhay Park and walk along avenue of trees. Past the Mansion on LHS where public toilets are available and opposite Bandstand, TL and going uphill to The Mansion Car Park on RHS here TR go downhill towards lake, then TL cross a bridge and then TL into Ram Wood.

Emerging from wood TR and then, bear R at sign for Roundhay Golf Club. Walk along drive and pass the CH and Pros Shop on to a track and bear L, pass YMP and walk down path through avenue of trees.

**TAKE CARE as you cross fairway – flying golf balls!** At YMP go L down path through a wood over a bridge and TL going uphill to the Ring Road. **TAKE CARE as you cross this VERY BUSY road.**

To PFS across road and **thro new gate** to follow this well made path as it follows a stream and emerges into field and goes up to a gate into **Shadwell**. TR and **TAKE CARE as you cross road.**

**PT:** Bus stop for **7S** bus to Leeds.

***For those continuing the next port of call is EAST KESWICK***

TL opposite Scout and Guide HQ on to Holywell Lane, (Red Lion Pub is 20 yds along Main Street).

At T-junction by children's playground, TR at PBWay SP and walk on to Bridle Lodge (former Nursery). Here TL at PBWay SP and go down a tree lined path which emerges on to farm road (Hall Farm entrance to your left).

We TR and at road junction (50yds) TL by Brandon Cottage, then walk along road to a further T-junction ahead.

**TAKE CARE** as you cross road to PBWay SP and follow this track recently improved and widened, **CARE needed over slippery stones** until it joins a road, here TR and then TL on to Forge Lane, **Wike**.

In 50 yds go forward at X roads. (2 benches LHS – one dated **2/6/ 1953 E II R Coronation**). Walk on LHS on the grass verge which then joins pavement, go downhill and then uphill, round corners and downhill again to junction with Fortshot Lane.

**TAKE CARE** as you cross road, at track entrance to Low Green Farm (it is a PBWay) go into farm yard passing barn on RHS, TR at end of barn and go thro gate on to hedge lined track (very muddy in winter).

At end of 1<sup>st</sup> field on LHS, TL at junction by gates for two more fields.

Go up hedge lined lane to next junction and TR (here there are LCW signs on a fallen SP to your left by gateway) continuing on PBWay and go through a gate to pass Biggin Farm, on RHS.

Exiting farm yard, thro a gate and walk along track which reduces to single track, going straight forward through a gate LCW, and cross two more fields with hedges on LHS and at next gate TL – LCW go down hill. Follow path as it goes R and then TL where path goes downhill. At bottom the track goes R to emerge on to farm road. You pass entrance to Gateon House Farm on LHS, go straight forward.

At a junction of paths, we leave LCW and bear L at PBWay SP going through the path in woods downhill on this track until it emerges by PBWay SP at road junction and TR on to road. Walk into **East Keswick**.

At T-junction, across road, there is a Red Telephone box and postbox.

**PT:** Bus stop(s) at T-junction buses to Leeds and Wetherby **X99**. (Hourly)

*For those walking on, we start Section Two to Spofforth, a good 5 miles away.*

## Section TWO

5.2 Miles

**East Keswick to Wood Hall** 1.2 miles **Walking Time: 30 min**  
**Wood Hall to Spofforth** 4.0 miles **Walking Time: 1hr 30 min**

**Refreshments** may be available at The Old Star ((TR at junction opposite the Bus Stop and approximately 0.1 miles on the RHS) or The Duke of Wellington (approximately 0.15 miles beyond The Old Star on the LHS).

We leave East Keswick from the Bus stop opposite Red Telephone box and Post box and walk uphill through village and keeping to RHS – pavement, we eventually arrive at the junction of Crabtree Lane with A659, we pass some seats and a small picnic area by a Car Park on LHS.

**PT:** Bus stops opposite picnic area for buses to Leeds and Wetherby **X99**

**TAKE CARE as you cross this VERY BUSY road.**

Go down PBWay (SP) and follow path downhill and then bearing R until we cross a footbridge over the River Wharfe.

Continue along track thro gate. PBWay and go uphill, with old walled gardens of Wood Hall to RHS. On joining concrete track TR and go through gate and enter wood.

Carry on straight forward and at the tarmac driveways walk straight on across the path between two lawns and walk on through buildings to emerge by white gate at rear of Wood Hall.

Bear L and walk up to entrance for Wood Hall, Wetherby Carmel Monastery founded in 1969. Lunch time and a welcome drink and use of facilities.

(Note: **Refreshments** may be available at Wood Hall, Hotel and Spa).

**AFTER LUNCH WE WALK IN SILENCE PLEASE to Sicklinghall.**

Bear L going down then just before car park, TL PBWay SP and on path into woods, which emerges on to track that goes uphill and past Sicklinghall House (very muddy in winter).

At top bear L and then R on to tarmac drive, at end of drive, continue along tarmac road, to pass houses, ignore Back Lane, and go straight ahead and TL on reaching main road.

As you turn the corner (Ignore first driveway to L) the Church of The Immaculate Conception, a Grade II listed building, is on your L, enter the grounds thro *the CHURCHYARD gates and enter the church built in 1851 by*

*Mr. Peter Middleton of Stockeld Park, prior to his departure to Middleton Lodge at Ilkley. The architect was Charles Francis Hansom, and initially the pastor was a Benedictine from Ampleforth Abbey. In 1852 at the request of the Middleton family the Oblates of Mary Immaculate(OMI) a French missionary order founded by Mons. (now Saint) Eugene de Mazenod agreed to take up residence and served the Parish until 2013, having handed the Parish of St Joseph, Wetherby to the Diocese of Leeds in 1990. The Church is currently maintained by the Peter Middleton Trust.*

As you leave Church TL walking thro Sicklinghall along the village street up passing St Peter's Church (bench) on LHS

Walk on passing school and pond (both on LHS) and **TAKE CARE** as you **cross road** at PBWay SP, (Note: SP on opposite side of road)

Walk along hardcore track and bear right passing a farm entrance (J&E Medcalf) on LHS. Part of this track now has new tarmac sections.

At next PBWay SP go through the gate and continue through open fields. Go thro gap in hedge and TR (This bypasses Whin Lane Farm) the path then goes L at edge of fields full of both young and older Christmas trees. Follow this track (Whins Lane on OS Map) until it joins a minor road, Park Lane.

TR here and walk on until you join main road **TAKE CARE** busy road (A661) here TL, and walk into village of **Spofforth**.

**PT:** Buses to Harrogate (For K'Boro, change in H'gate) and Wetherby. **No. 7**  
Bus stop at Low Farm Lane

Continue thro Spofforth on LHS shops and Castle Inn / Londis **Refreshments:** sandwiches, cakes, coffees and drinks available) go straight forward at roundabout cross School Lane go forward to Manorgarth.

Passing on LHS a Bus stop by shelter. The grounds of Spofforth Castle and a picnic area and tables can be found on LHS. There are information boards giving a brief history of Spofforth Castle.

***For those walking on, we start Section Three to Knaresborough, a good 5.2 miles away.***

***Knaresborough is end of Day 1. If you wish to stay over there a number of B & B's available.***

**Spofforth to Knaresborough**

**Walking Time: 2hr**

Starting from the picnic area, **TAKE CARE as you cross road.** Walk on 50 yds and TR on to Beech Lane. Then we cross Clive Road and walk on to Mill Lane.

At bottom of Mill Lane is the Old Corn Mill with a large grinding wheel at its entrance. Follow FP sign by (LH gate post) and walk alongside fence and over small arched bridge and going L follow track and go R over narrow bridge to cross Crimble Beck or River Crimble, and TL. Himalayan Balsam cut back & treated so now we can walk on field banking.

We now follow the delightful river side path for the next 1.5 miles, **thro 2 new metal gates.** There are some amazing rock formations (Plumpton Rocks – Millstone Grit outcrops) cross the fields on RHS along this walk.

Eventually we emerge by FPS at a stone bridge, TR on to road and **TAKING CARE** follow road for approx 500yds using LH verge wherever possible, to T-junction with A661 **TAKE CARE as you cross this VERY BUSY ROAD.**

TL and walk 100 yds to PBWay SP go thro the gate and walk on the “old tarmac” road for 0.75 miles. To emerge on to the “race track” that is A658, opposite junction of B6163 SP Knaresborough and Calcutt.

**TAKE GREAT CARE as you cross this VERY BUSY ROAD.**

*Once safely across the main road. We continue along the PAVEMENT OF Thistle Hill (B6163) FOR APPROX 0.75 MILES AND descend INTO Calcutt.*

*TR DOWN PAST “The Cricketers Pub” (Now closed Sept 25) follow path down to a STONE GATE and THREE WAY MARKER - WE TURN LEFT*

Continue straight ahead and emerge on to Spitalcroft, between houses - follow the tarmac road to its end - by a house called The Boat House and TR downhill and passing Mother Shiptons Inn on LHS cross the bridge. **TAKE CARE CROSSING THE BRIDGE, narrow pavement**

TR, on Abbey Road for the **Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag**, which is 150 yds along the road, up to the L.

Note: Chapel Open Sunday's April to September, 2pm – 4pm

The Chapel is now run by a Charitable Trust, for more details please visit <http://www.ourladyofthecrag.org> or email [contact@ourladyofthecrag.org](mailto:contact@ourladyofthecrag.org)

## **MAIN ROUTE CONTINUED**

After visiting the Shrine retrace steps to the bridge. **TAKE CARE** as you **cross road** and walk along Waterside.

This will take you past a Car Park, cafes, including “Marigold” and “Black Mulberry” and WC’s and a pub.

**PT:** For the **Rail Station** escape Waterside by ascending Gallons Steps (RHS) - 99 of them situated just before viaduct to emerge by the Station.

There are also other “escape” routes into town – follow signposts.

Trains run every 30 mins to Harrogate and Leeds or for stations to York.

**Remember to check timetables before traveling.**

Continue along Waterside going under Railway viaduct, passing the black and white chequered board building on LHS, The Old Manor House. Passing “PJ Ices” and “The Worlds End” Pub by a Pelican crossing

***This is the start point for Section Four: Bilton 2.5 miles: - joining the cycle way from Harrogate to Ripley 5 miles then 3 more miles on to Bishop Thornton and arriving at St Wilfrid's Ripon 16.3 miles.***

AFTER VISITING THE SHRINE  
TO OUR LADY OF THE CRAG, YOU MAY CONSIDER

**ALTERNATIVE OPTION** to Visit St Robert's Cave (Adds 1 mile to walk)

Simply continue along Abbey Road for 800 yds. to the entrance to St Robert's Cave on RHS.

*The remains of St Robert's Cave and chapel are a rare example of a medieval hermitage cut out of magnesium limestone bedrock & consists of the Cave, a domestic area and a small chapel which contains the grave and altar platform. St Robert of Knaresborough was born Robert Flower in York to a wealthy family. From childhood however he was intent on pursuing a religious vocation, beginning as a novice Cistercian Monk in Northumberland and later at Fountains Abbey. He died on 24th September 1208, initially being buried in the Chapel but later his body was moved to a Priory in Abbey Road that had been built because of his fame. In 1252 though never officially canonized Robert was recognised as a Saint by Rome.*

*After visiting Cave return along Abbey Road to the Chapel of Our Lady of the Crag on RHS, and on into Knaresborough*

**YOU HAVE NOW ARRIVED IN KNARESBOROUGH. THE TOWN CENTRE IS UP THE HILL – BOND END TO THE R.**

The Catholic Church of St Mary is passed, please note the entrance is round the back, or can be accessed by walking down Church Lane.

**St Mary's Church, Bond End HG5 9AW**

**Tel: 01423 862388**

**[www.stmaryknaresborough.org](http://www.stmaryknaresborough.org)**

## **START OF DAY TWO**

### **Section FOUR**

**5 Miles**

#### **Knarborough to Ripley**

**Walking Time: 2hr 00 min**

Leave Knarborough by The World's End Pub, at end of Waterside by **Pelican crossing**, crossing the road **WITH CARE** and TL.

Walking across bridge and opposite entrance to Mother Shiptons Cave TR into Beryl Burton Cycle way; Blue **SP**; Bilton 2; Harrogate 4; Ripley 5

Simply follow the cycleway through parkland and as it goes uphill and eventually emerges by the entrance for Bilton Hall (private nursing home).

Here, cross the road and go forward along tarmac path.

Passing Farfield House on LHS. Carry on and pass "Pet Hotel" on LHS and further on Bilton Village Farm - Caravan Park.

Track then joins into road and we follow this downhill passing the "Gardeners Arms" on RHS. Go uphill and TR to join the Nidderdale Greenway passing information board about Nidd Gorge.

There is a Car Park on the left. SP Ripley 2.5 miles.

Walking along the cycleway, originally the railway line, passing three "Steel" characters and crossing the Nidd Viaduct, with extensive views to LHS, the Viaduct Wood having been felled (2017) has now been re-planted, and the river gorge to RHS.

The cycleway eventually emerges on to the "old A61" road, go up R to the Pelican crossing **CROSS THE MAIN ROAD WITH CARE** and following the cycleway to the R. Here we pass "Le Monument" – a memory of the "Tour de France"!!! Continue on and thro the Car Park, (**WC's – open 8am - 8pm**), we now enter the picturesque village of Ripley.

Ripley offers plenty of refreshment opportunities.

**PT: The No 36 Leeds – Harewood – Harrogate - Ripon bus stops are in the centre of the village. Buses every 15/30 mins – check timetables**

**Ripley to Bishop Thornton 3.0 mls Walking Time: 1hr 15 min**  
**B/Thornton to Markenfield Hall 4.8 mls Walking Time: 2hr 00 min**  
**M/fld Hall to Ripon St Wilfrid's 3.5 mls Walking Time: 1hr 30 min**

We leave Ripley by passing the Church of All Saints on the left and the Castle walls on our right. Follow the footpath downhill and crossing “the moat” note on R the water cascade as the water leaves the lake.

Continue along the good tarmac path until junction and at 3 fingered SP, TR for High Rails and Bedlam. See wall plaque Sadler Carr (site of medieval manor house). *(Still missing Sept 2025)*

Following the public footpath, you may get a glimpse of deer in parkland to R. We pass Park Lodge, dated 1848, at **Private Road** sign TR to follow FP along side of Estate Wall and go thro 1<sup>st</sup> gate path follows wall to 2<sup>nd</sup> gate continue along wall to a gate.

TL and follow field edge path along fence passing *(Red and White pole)* and hedge to gate in far left bottom corner, go thro and walk ahead with hedge to RHS to stile, into next field thro gate across rough pasture and thro open gate on to mown grass and thro large iron gates **and a small gate on R for walkers** on to B6165.

TL, and **CROSS THE MAIN ROAD WITH CARE**, we TR into Law Lane.

Continue along Law Lane, passing several farm entrances, until we see a seat and SP on LHS. Here we TR (opposite the seat through the trees) down some narrow small steps – **TAKE CARE**, thro trees to gate, go down the field to foot bridge and 2 gates, go thro and straight up to wall ahead and over the stile, continue straight on keeping to R of trees and broadly following the power lines to wall and gate. Continue up the next field to reach a gate and the road. **TAKE CARE. (IF CATTLE IN FIELDS continue along road, TR at T junction walk thro Shaw Mills, uphill and you will be soon back to gate above.)**

We TL, **cross the road** and go thro gate opposite by FPS. Cross field, follow hedge (RHS) and field path, to gate, where hedge switches to LHS and continues to a fence and to gate in corner. Thro gate and pass farm buildings **to emerge in Bishop Thornton.**

We **TR, and cross road, along pavement and enter church grounds** of the **Church of St Joseph**, Colber Lane, Bishop Thornton.

**(If cattle in fields – simply TR and follow road WITH CARE into Bishop Thornton)**

To arrange a visit the Church of St Joseph, please **make prior arrangements** by contacting Very Rev Canon Christopher Willis – 01423 711277  
(Please note he resides 10 miles away in Pateley Bridge)

*The oldest surviving purpose-built church still in use in the Diocese of Leeds. The presbytery was built first, about the time of the Catholic Relief Act of 1791. The attached church was built about 20 years later, displaying the reticent Nonconformist character typical of Catholic Church building in the early 19th century. The building is of particular interest for its age and for its historical associations; its interior retains its historic character and ambience, but few early furnishings.*

*The early history of the mission is somewhat unclear, with some accounts stating that there was a remarkable absence of any ties to a great house or individual family and others indicating that the village may have been served by itinerant priests possibly based at nearby Raventofts Hall and protected by the Ingibly family. By the middle of the 18th century a more formalised state of affairs had evolved, with a book of accounts surviving at Bishop Thornton which dates back to 1746. Entries in this detail accounts for a priest carrying out duties across a wide geographical area, stretching over to Pateley Bridge and on to Ripon and even Harrogate. Payments include monies for the monthly shoeing of horses.*

*Before the building of the present church the top storey of the presbytery may have used to say Mass. This house was built about the time of the passing of the Second Relief Act in 1791 and contains a large room with no windows facing on to the street. That this space was 'public' is perhaps evidenced by the decorative staircase rising through the house. The present church was built on to the presbytery in 1809, by Fr Charles Saul. He remained priest until his death in 1813. He and the next incumbent Fr Richard Talbot are buried under the present sanctuary. Many of the present fittings and fixtures were introduced by Fr Herman Geurts, who was at Bishop Thornton between 1875 and 1929. The carved wooden Gothic reredos and altar, possibly of Belgian origin, were installed by Bishop William Gordon of Leeds in memory of his parents who are buried in the churchyard. The church contains a slab of the original altar of the medieval Walworth Chapel. The windows contain modern stained glass by John Hardman Co. they depict: the work of priests in the parish, Cardinal Newman, Mary Ward (the founder of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and local martyrs. The plain white painted walls are adorned by a series of oil paintings of the Stations of the Cross, said to have come from Holland.*

*The church has never been structurally altered or extended, but considerable restoration work was carried out by Weightman & Brown of York in 1980-81*  
Source of text in ***Italics*** see top of Page 19

For more information about St Joseph's Church and Parish History there is an excellent book ***A Constant People*** written by Mgr John T Dunne. First published in 2009 by Flanagan Associates (07896 148478)

Leaving the Church of St Joseph and grounds TL passing the Church Hall on LHS. At road junction ahead, go straight forward using the grass verges on RHS until we reach Church St John the Evangelist. We take the PBWay that runs alongside the Church. (Seat in front of Church)

Pass the 2 FPS and, keeping the farms on your left, we go forward on to a grass track to a gate ahead. Go straight on at the Blue PBWay marker.  
**Please take care crossing these fields as may there be cattle.**

### **ALTERNATIVE to avoid Cattle**

TR at the 2 FPS and walk down track to Caravan park, walk thro to Chequers Inn, TL as you join **VERY BUSY ROAD**.

**Please walk to face oncoming traffic as the RHS does offer a couple of walkable verges.** In approx 650 yds you will come to Farm on L with antlers in an upper Barn Door, cross the road and go up track opposite, at corner by a gate on L you have rejoined the Main Route.

### **MAIN ROUTE**

Cross 1st field to next gate, (Blue PBWay marker) thro 2<sup>nd</sup> field to next gate passing thro 3<sup>rd</sup> field, where we are greeted on LHS by the strange appearance of a cemetery and a church tower!, the site of former Church and Cemetery of St John the Evangelist. We emerge from the 3<sup>rd</sup> field by a gate with Yellow and Blue markers on to track. **(Alternative Route re-joins by this gate)**  
Ignore track to R, and go straight forward, passing Highfield House and 2 bungalows. Opposite go thro gate YMP and TL and walk along wall and fence to gate YMP ahead, to 2 step stile. Cross and then go along hedge in next field to 2 step stile. **cross field in SINGLE FILE – crop growing** Over stile and with **NEW post and wire fence on LHS** walk to next stile by side of locked gate), over stile, there is now a wall on your left, and a fence on your R, follow the fence, and at end of fence TR to join track, to join main road.

Note: Raventofts Hall is on your L, it has strong historical links with Bishop Thornton:

*The strong local Catholic tradition is recorded in the mid C20 stained glass windows. The site for the Presbytery was given by Stephen Ingilby who lived at Raventofts Hall (qv). Raventofts had been an important refuge for Catholics and the priest serving the Medieval church of Saint John, (the tower only survives (qv)), lived at the house. Stephen Ingilby was a conformist and probably wanted to remove the recusant connection from Raventofts.*

<http://taking-stock.org.uk/Home/Dioceses/Diocese-of-Leeds/Bishop-Thornton-St-Joseph>

***Patrimony Committee of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales: Taking Stock: Catholic Churches of England and Wales***

As you join main road, TL, and using grass verge walk 110 yds to SP. Fountains Villas and Aldfield.

**TAKE GREAT CARE** crossing road on to Watergate Road. We now follow this minor road for the next 1.25miles.

**PLEASE BE AWARE OF TRAFFIC** as the road goes downhill, passing Waterside Farm; see date over front door of 16 **SS**65.

The road rises and then goes down to Haddockstones, (*a collection of several farm buildings in partly renovated state*), and continues to rise gently until we reach junction with Western Lane. (SP Markington 1.5) (***Western Lane name plate is still missing!!***)

We TR on to Western Lane following the road as it rises and falls and curves round to reach first tarmac road on L, (trees on both sides of road and then wooden rail and post fence) on to PBWay (no signs) this is the entrance of Ingerthorpe Hall. There maybe a 10 mph sign a little way along the drive. Follow the road as it goes thro parkland, passing entrance to Hall on RHS to reach gate at entrance to farm / stable yard. Go thro and go straight ahead passing the fine stone building “Barolin” on RHS.

Bear L in front of wooden single storey building and follow PBWay as it goes down L on to path with post and wire fence on RHS the path rises and goes thro tall pines on to tarmac road, follow road down to pass RRW SP, and walk along road at T-junction TR, to go down to small crossroads.

Here we TL, and immediately, TL again into path PBWay SP. - almost hidden in hedge.

It feels like we are walking back on ourselves – we are in fact now walking towards “the hidden gem” that is Markenfield Hall.

We walk along track bridleway – *Strait Lane an ancient Holloway probably used by the monks of Fountains Abbey* and go thro the **new gate** on RHS (RRW SP),

Using the path cross the first field and aim for top RH corner and then aim for NEW GATE & POST & WIRE FENCE follow this new path to gate – WITH CARE CROSS OPEN FIELD to SECOND NEW GATE & POST & WIRE FENCE this leads with 10-15 yards of main gate. **BE AWARE OF CATTLE THAT MAY BE IN FIELDS !!**

At gate, we TR, RRW SP and walk along in front of the farm buildings with Markenfield Hall only fully coming fully into view at gap between the farm buildings on LHS.

*The restoration of the Great Hall won the **Sotheby's/Historic Houses Association Restoration Award in 2008**. The Chapel has also been lovingly repaired and restored. English Heritage has given the Hall a Grade 1 listing. Mass is said here occasionally, please contact website [www.markenfield.com](http://www.markenfield.com) for both Mass times and opening hours.*

Other useful websites for checking Mass times are those of St Wilfrid's, Ripon [www.saintwilfrids.org.uk](http://www.saintwilfrids.org.uk) or [www.strobertharrogate.co.uk](http://www.strobertharrogate.co.uk)

*The early history of Markenfield, which is mentioned in the Domesday Book, is closely linked with the development of the nearby Fountains Abbey, founded in 1132. In 1569 it was the rallying point for the Rising of the North.*

**PT: The No 36 Leeds – Harewood – Harrogate - Ripon**

**Walk along the Hall drive down to Main Road A61 *VERY BUSY ROAD*,**

**TL, walk along verge to Bus Stop by Hollins Hall Buses every 15/20 min**

To leave go back through gap between buildings TL, and go thro first gate on LHS PFS **MAKE SURE** you immediately go **THRO** next gate between TWO POST & WIRE FENCES with a field on R. Good views of Hall and Moat to LHS, reach stile/gate RRW SP, using track 30 yds to R cross field diagonally to plank bridge and narrow stone stile, (recently repaired) here TL.

Follow field edge path round to next field gap go thro and keeping hedge to LHS, down to gate ahead RRW SP, go up field, hedge on LHS - POST AND WIRE FENCE on RHS to gate at top, go over cattle grid, Bland Close farm is up to R, and going straight forward - up tarmac farm road to picnic tables.

For **RIPON and St Wilfrid's** BR on to the metalled Whitcliffe Lane. Continue down Whitcliffe Lane until we pass Whitcliffe Hall. Continue ahead to wood (Nature Trail) on LHS, go thro gate and follow fence (post and wire) on LHS which goes down and through the wood to arrive at a gate. Go thro gate TL and walk along field path to emerge on to lane by **Hellwath Cottage**.

By information board "Sanctuary Way" we TR in front of wooden gate and follow path into woods. New **Hell Wath Nature Reserve** (HWNR) board.

Walk down thro the woods for 0.7 mile keeping to L to walk near River Skell. Continue along path keeping River Skell on LHS. The invasive Himalayan Balsam is much in evidence hereabouts. **We pass new HWNR posts, passing 7 To arrive at "Fairy Steps"** Down steps to riverside path.

**CROSS** the footbridge and bearing L follow riverside path to steps. At top of steps, opposite Cricket Lane. **TAKE CARE CROSS ROAD TR** and walk along pavement passing football field and TL up steps into Ripon Spa Park, keep to L and at T-junction TR and bear R at **Bandstand**, past Wood carving and aim for statue of G. F. Samuel, Marquess of Ripon to exit park.

**TAKE CARE CROSS ROAD TL** and at entrance to Ripon Spa Recreation Ground TR aiming for Church spire and swings.

On reaching Church Lane bear R passing schools and Holy Trinity Church, at junction cross on to Trinity Lane and go uphill to reach **St Wilfrid's Church** on the corner in 200 yds. with Coltsgate Hill.

There are toilets in the Church Hall which should be available on arrival, and one in the new Church entrance.

***WELL DONE INDEED IF YOU HAVE GOT TO RIPON! THIS PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY MIGHT HAVE ENDED, BUT THERE ARE STILL LOTS MORE CAMINOS TO WALK!! DO TRY THEM: THE REWARDS AS YOU WILL HAVE DISCOVERED ARE MANY. GOD BLESS!***

***17.30 Vigil Mass St Wilfrid's Saturday 11th October 2025***

# **Welcome to the Parish of St Wilfrid, Ripon**

Parish Priest, Fr Jonathan HART

A Mass centre was first established in Ripon in 1850. The present church was opened in 1862 and designed by J A Hansom. It is a Grade II\* Listed Building and was consecrated in 1912. In 1909 fittings from the private chapel at nearby Studley Royal were transferred to St Wilfrid's following the death of the Marquess of Ripon, who had previously created the Lady Chapel within the church. These include ten stained-glass windows installed along the north and south aisles and dating from 1878. The Marquess was also the first Mayor of Ripon since the Reformation. The sanctuary was remodelled following the Second Vatican Council, although the ornate reredos designed by Edward Pugin remains unaltered. Today St Wilfrid's is recognised as one of the finest Catholic parish churches in England.

## **St Wilfrid's Catholic Church in Ripon.**

**Coltsgate Hill, HG4 2AB**

**01765 – 279263**

**Sunday Mass: Vigil Saturday, 5.30 pm; Sunday: 09.00 and 10.30 am**

The elegant interior of the church contains many items of interest, including mosaics by Salviati of Venice, a High Altar of Caen Stone and an outstanding Reredos designed by Edward Pugin.

With all of this fantastic history it was crucial that the refurbishment work was carried out to perfection to preserve the church's legacy. Work commenced late November 2020 and was completed Jun 2021. Work has cost approximately £500,000. Further work to add the new entrance and toilet was completed in late 2023.

**PLEASE DO CHECK BUS & TRAIN TIMES!!!!!!**

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT FROM RIPON**

**PT: Opposite Cathedral follow SP's, for Bus Station, (WCs) which leads you to cross Sainsbury's car park with care, for Bus Station.**

**No. 36 Bus service Ripon – Harrogate – Harewood - Leeds leaves from Stand 1**

**Do not forget there is a Railway Station in Harrogate  
Please do check [www.mymetro.com](http://www.mymetro.com) for bus and train times.**

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT AVAILABLE IN EACH SECTION**

### **Section ONE: Cathedral to Roundhay, Shadwell and East Keswick**

**TO ROUNDHAY from VICAR LANE: Service No 12 from STOP J  
or No 2 from STOP K – takes 5 mins more and arrives by gates**

**SHADWELL TO LEEDS: Service 7S (Hourly service)**

**EAST KESWICK TO LEEDS / WETHERBY: Service X99 Hourly service**

### **Section TWO: East Keswick to Spofforth**

**SPOFFORTH TO HARROGATE and WETHERBY: Service 7**

### **Section THREE & FOUR: Spofforth to Knaresborough and Ripley**

**SPOFFORTH to - K'BORO & RIPLEY have to go via Harrogate: Service 7**

### **Section FIVE: Ripley to Ripon**

**RIPON TO LEEDS / HARROGATE / RIPON: Service No. 36  
The buses generally run every 15/20 mins.**

## **TRAIN**

**Please remember TO CHECK train timetables before travelling**

### **Railway Station at Knaresborough**

Trains to York / Harrogate / Leeds and stations in between every 30 mins.

### **Railway Station – off route – Harrogate (1.25 miles from Bilton)**

Trains to York / Harrogate / Leeds and stations in between every 30 mins.

## ***THE ESSENCE OF THE CAMINO??***

***The fruit of silence is prayer;***

***The fruit of prayer is faith;***

***The fruit of faith is love;***

***The fruit of love is service;***

***The fruit of service is peace.***

**St Teresa of Calcutta**

Casa de Peregrinos Emaus, C/de San Pedro de Cardena, 31, Burgos  
May 2013

Sadly, this excellent Albergue is now closed as of June 2024

## ADDITIONAL PILGRIMAGES FROM CATHOLIC CATHEDRALS IN UK

Dr Phil McCarthy who walked SWW in 2022 has created other Catholic Pilgrimages that can be explored in the UK, listed on his 'Hearts in Search of God' website: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/>

Phil was also the creative force behind the National Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope to Nottingham in September 2025. St Mark's Way was the Northern Route, from Leeds to St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham, where routes from Cardiff, Norwich and Southwark also converged, blessing England and Wales with the sign of the Cross.

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Finally –

**BUT MOST OF ALL THANK YOU TO EACH AND  
EVERYONE OF YOU - THE PILGRIMS - WHO  
WALKED THIS CAMINO OVER THE LAST TEN  
YEARS...**

Wishing you all a final Buon Camino and God Bless!

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Autumn 2025

**PILGRIMAGE TIMETABLE FOR GUIDANCE**  
**(Subject to change depending on circumstances)**

**DAY ONE**

**08.00** Mass Leeds Cathedral

**08.50** Bus Vicar Lane to Roundhay Park Entrance

**09.20/30** Start walking

**12.00** East Keswick

***(12.30 CARMEL MONASTERY WOOD HALL Approx 13.15 Depart) TBC***  
**Cup of Tea and space to eat your picnic Lunch and comfort stop**

**13.40** Church of the Immaculate Conception, Sicklinghall

**14.45** Spofforth

**17.00** Our Lady of the Crag Chapel, KNARESBOROUGH

**DAY TWO**

**08.30** PROMPT Depart from World's End Pub

**09.15** Bilton

**10.15** Ripley - Coffee & comfort stop (15 mins)

**12.00 to 12.30** BISHOP THORNTON Lunch and comfort stop

**Approx 12.45 - 13.00** Depart

**14.30 - 14.45** Markenfield Hall / Whitcliffe Lane

**It is approx another 1.5 – 1.75 hours walk to St Wilfrid's – arriving approx ?????? In time for the 17.30 Vigil Mass at the latest.**

**In this Holy Year of Jubilee 2025  
we walk as  
'PILGRIMS OF HOPE'**



*“The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life.”*

*Pope Francis 2016*

1<sup>st</sup> Edition Autumn 2025