

*"Come aside and rest a while" (Mk 6:31)*



**St Vincent de Paul**  
*Our Heavenly Patron*

*"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because  
He has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."  
(Lk 4:18)*

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## **Divine Retreat Centre UK**

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# *Blessing & Inauguration*

**16 March 2014**



Christian faith was preached in Britain for the first time in the blessed shores of Kent by St Augustine, the Benedictine monk, commissioned by Pope Gregory the Great. This "Apostle to the English" became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in 597 AD. In God's providence, St Augustine's Abbey is being transformed into Divine Retreat Centre run by the Vincentian Fathers of the Marymatha province, India. As I thank you for your prayerful encouragement and financial support I invite you most cordially to join us in the Bible Convention beginning on 16 March 2014 at 10 am (both in English and Malayalam), culminating in the solemn Eucharistic celebration presided over by His Grace Most Rev Peter Smith on 16 March at 3 pm. At this historic moment when this heritage site is being consecrated as a spiritual renewal centre for Europe, I look forward to your presence with us.

Grateful for your participation,  
Fr George Panackal, VC  
Chairman, Divine Television Foundation - UK

*We are honoured to invite you to  
the Blessing and Inauguration of  
Divine Retreat Centre - UK  
St Augustine's Abbey, Ramsgate,  
Canterbury  
by Most Rev Peter Smith,  
Archbishop of Southwark,  
in the presence of Rt Rev Mgr John Armitage,  
Vicar General, Diocese of Brentwood and  
Very Rev Dr Paul Puthuva, VC,  
Provincial Superior, Marymatha Province,  
Vincentian Congregation, Angamaly, India,  
on Sunday, 16 March 2014 at 3:00 pm.*

