

Enclosed is my cheque for £.....
to purchase.....square metre(s)
of the New Parish Centre floor at
a cost of £50 per square metre.

*I am a UK taxpayer and would like this to be
treated as a Gift Aid donation*

Title _____ Initials _____

Surname _____

Home
address _____

Postcode _____ Date _____

Signature _____

*Please make your cheque payable
to St. Joseph's Church and send to:*

*No 3, Windhill, Bishop's Stortford,
Herts. CM23 2ND*

St. Joseph & the English Martyrs

**3, Windhill,
Bishop's Stortford,
Herts CM23 2ND**

Tel: 01279 654063



**Raising funds for the
New Parish Centre**

As a member of St. Joseph's
parish, as a member of a parish
group or organization, or as
individual parishioners, we
urgently need your help to
build our new Parish Centre.

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How about organizing your
own special fund raising event!
Hold a coffee and cake
morning! Sell some unwanted
possessions at a car boot sale!
Sell some produce! How about
holding your own sponsored
activity!

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If you can help in any way or if
you have some good ideas for
our Fund Raisers please leave
your name with a contact
number at..... No.3!

Our Parish Centre in Apton Road has served the Parish well during the past 50 years but is now beyond economic repair and upkeep. In order to fund a new, modern centre to meet the needs of the Parish community today, the decision has been made to sell the Apton Road site for development and, although contracts have not yet been signed, we are hopeful of achieving a sale shortly. However, because the contractor building the new centre will use the Apton Road site as a working base, we will not be able to finally conclude a sale until the first quarter of 2010.

Planning for the new Parish Centre on land behind the Old Monastery in Windhill is now well advanced. The site will provide two Parish Centres within a single building, one for St Joseph's and the other for our Anglican neighbours, St. Michael's. For us at St Joseph's, the new centre will be more conveniently located, it will be

designed to meet all our parish needs and it will be modern, flexible and more economical to run.

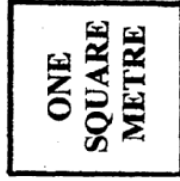
Work on the construction is expected to start shortly and be completed in the first quarter of 2010.

How much will it Cost?

The new Parish Centre is expected to cost St Joseph's £890,000 with an anticipated £725,000 contribution coming from the sale of the Apton Road site. Together with bridging loan interest and operating costs the parish will need to raise some £200,000 over two years to bring the project to fruition. Bridging finance has been arranged with Westminster to help us over this period as we set about raising the necessary funds with the help of all our parishioners. Many future events planned by parish social groups will now be held to support our fund raising efforts and will bring a sense of purpose to our meeting together.

How can you help?

To launch our appeal for funds we are offering all parishioners the opportunity to purchase



of the new Parish Centre floor at a cost of £50 per square metre.

If you are a tax payer and Gift Aid your purchase, your contribution will increase to £64 per £50 donated *at no extra cost to you.*

This purchase will give you a tangible interest in the new Parish Centre and will greatly assist the parish in raising the funds we need. If you are able to help in this way, please complete the form overleaf and return it with your cheque, made payable to *St. Joseph's Church.*