

## **BEING the PERFECT PRIEST!**

Someone far more perceptive than me has written this reflection no doubt after a great deal of wise reflection!

- *If he begins Mass consistently on time then some people will say that he is too efficient, if he is late then he has a habit of holding people up!*
- *If he preaches too long, he is failing to hold the attention of the congregation yet if he is too short, he obviously hasn't prepared enough!*
- *If he is out visiting families in their homes, then he is never at the parish house to answer the door or the phone when we need some information in a hurry!*
- *If he is spending money on the church, he should know that the money could have been better spent on the overseas missions and if he does not spend money then the place looks to be falling apart!*
- *If he's young he lacks experience to speak on life issues and if he is old, he needs to retire as he doesn't understand the concerns people now have!*

And if he dies or retires, we now don't know where to find someone to take his place!

Jesus of Nazareth also knew what it was like to be *out of step* with others when he said, *"You're like children in the marketplace - we played the pipes for you, and you wouldn't dance and when we cried you didn't mourn."*  
(Matthew Chapter 11 verse 16 and 19) *Fr Martin R Maunsell*