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WEEKLY REFLECTION

Sunday 12th October 2025: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Mere Christianity:
(6): The seven deadly sins – finally, a bit of light relief?**

If you have been kind enough to follow all, or even part, of this short series summarising some chapters of C.S. Lewis' book "Mere Christianity", you may feel a little jaded. To end the series what follows is a short poem I wrote a number of years ago. I trust it will show that we can indulge in a little light-heartedness even when considering such serious topics

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A SIDEWAYS LOOK AT THE DEADLY SINS

1

Committing deadly sin requires
Not total wickedness,
But rather man's normal desires
Distorted by excess.

2

Contentment with just basic needs
Would stifle all ambition,
Yet covetousness induces greed
And envy brings perdition.

3

Self-confidence does not prevent
A life of true humanity,
Though surfeit risks seamless descent
Into corrosive vanity.

4

When in the temple goods were sold
The sinless Christ was angry too,
So, might anger well controlled
Be justified in me and you?

5

Nor is it sometimes wrong to pause
From constant productivity,
Unless that leads one in due course
To slothful inactivity.

6

Ill-disciplined carnal desire
Is safer when confined
To burning its infernal fire
In the recesses of the mind.

7

Besides reducing human woe
Restraint, in no small measure,
Paradoxically, we know,
May magnify the pleasure!