



Vox Populi

19 November 2025

In our final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The feast was instituted in response to growing secularism and atheism following World War I, as a reminder of the importance of Christ's Kingship over all creatures.

These forces of atheism and secularism remain, and it provides a fitting end to the liturgical year, focusing on Christ, who is the centre of our faith.

His kingship is alluded to and proclaimed in the New Testament. In the opening verses of Matthew, he is identified as a "son of David", an heir of royalty.

His entry into Jerusalem is that of a king, as the crowd proclaims, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!"

Pope John Paul II said the feast reminded us on the Kingdom that was to come, the hope of every Christian.

"[This] liturgy reminds us that the truth about Christ the King is the fulfilment of the prophecies of the Old Testament," he said in his 1997 homily for the Solemnity.

"The prophet Daniel announces the coming of the Son of man, who has been given 'dominion and glory and kingdom'. He comes served by 'peoples, nations and languages' and his 'dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed' We know well that all this was perfectly fulfilled in Christ, in his Passover of Death and Resurrection.

"The Solemnity of Christ, King of the Universe, invites us to repeat with faith the prayer of the Our Father, which Jesus himself taught us: 'Thy kingdom come'."