

Catechism Course 2021
Clondalkin
11 The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.

The Old Testament focuses on God the Father, the New Testament focuses on God the Son. The Holy Spirit is mentioned explicitly in the New Testament, and implicitly mentioned (hidden) in the Old Testament.

The Holy Spirit prepared the way for the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

With his death, the Son leaves his Church with the Holy spirit, to guide it, sanctify it (make it holy), and to make Jesus present in it. We see the workings of the Holy Spirit in the Church today and over the last two thousand years, in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, in the Liturgy, in the Magisterium, in the Sacraments, in various charisms, in the lives of the saints.

As members of the Church, we receive the Spirit, particularly in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The Spirit gives us the graces necessary to lead the life of faith. The Spirit can transform us over time into being like Christ. When we pray, it is the Spirit that is praying in us.

Further Resources

Catechism paragraphs 683-747

Cantalamesa, Raniero, *Sober Intoxication of the Spirit*