

Congratulations to the new Bishop of Plestia and Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool, Tom Neylon who was ordained at the cathedral on Friday 3 September.

Bishop Tom was ordained by Archbishop Malcom McMahon in the first major service to be celebrated in the cathedral since the beginning of the pandemic and the first Episcopal Ordination in Liverpool since that of Bishop Tom Williams in 2003.

The cathedral welcomed Apostolic Nuncio, the Vatican's representative in Great Britain, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, bishops from England and Wales as well as priests and parishioners from the archdiocese to the ordination.

When announcing the appointment back in July, Archbishop Malcolm said: "When I came to the Archdiocese in 2014, Canon Tom was already a Vicar General and trustee of the Archdiocese and his excellent pastoral and administrative skills have been invaluable to me in my ministry as Archbishop. He'll now be able to use those God-given talents at a higher level in assisting me in taking the Church forward in the coming years."

Bishop Tom, who was ordained in 1982 by Pope St John Paul II in front of 250,000 people in Heaton Park, Manchester; has served in Wigan, Skelmersdale, St Helens, Haydock and most recently Widnes.

There will be ordination cards available at your church this weekend to celebrate this special occasion for everyone in the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

To see photographs of the event, please visit the Archdiocese of Liverpool Flickr account: [www.flickr.com/liverpoolcatholic](http://www.flickr.com/liverpoolcatholic) and there will be an ordination special in September's edition of the Catholic Pic.