

FRIDAY JULY 8	4:00pm - 5:00pm	Clan Gathering Registration	Old Ground Hotel Maguire Suite
	4:30 - 5:30pm	Informal family genealogy assistance with Anne Morahan (Clan Genealogist) Bring and share what you know and ask for what you need to find out about your O Dea/O Day/Dea/Dee family roots	Old Ground Hotel Maguire Suite
	5:45 - 7:30pm	Assemble to process to Official Opening and Reception led by piper Official Opening and Reception courtesy of Co. Clare Municipal Authority	Old Ground Hotel Front lawn Waterpark House Ennis
	8:00 - 10:30pm	Meet and greet our clansmen and women from far and wide Lecture on O'Brien and O Dea clan history Jane O'Brien (Local Historian) followed by music, song and finger food	Old Ground Hotel Maguire Suite
	10:45pm til late	Informal get together for clan members at John O Dea's pub	O Deas Pub 66 O'Connell St

SATURDAY JULY 9 - AM	10:00am	Assemble at Old Ground for coach departing to Dysert O Dea Castle	Old Ground Hotel Outside hotel
	10:45am	Assemble for official O Dea Clan photograph	Dysert O Dea Castle
	11:00am	Inauguration of new O Dea Clan Chieftain by Gearoid O'Ceallaigh (Cathaoirleach, Clans of Ireland) followed by tea, coffee and snacks	Dysert O Dea Castle
	11:30 - 1:30pm	Guided walking tour of historical / archaeological sites at Dysert O Dea	Dysert O Dea Castle and site

SATURDAY JULY 9 - PM	2:00pm	Coach returns to Old Ground, Ennis Free time for own lunch and socialising	
	3:30 - 4:15pm	Lecture on DNA and relevance to the O Dea Clan by Grant Day Further informal family genealogy assistance	Old Ground Hotel Maguire Suite
	4:15 - 5:15pm	Triennial General Meeting Officers' Reports and Election of Officers	Old Ground Hotel Maguire Suite
	5:30pm	Free time or socialising at John O Dea's pub	
	6:30pm	Assemble at Old Ground for coach departing to Ceili in the Kitchen, Bunratty Castle and Folk Park	Old Ground Hotel Outside hotel
	7:00 - 9:30pm	Entertainment and merriment including music, song, Irish dance, food and refreshments	Bunratty Castle and Folk Park Bunratty
	9:45pm	Coach returns to Old Ground, Ennis	
	10:45pm til late	Informal get together for clan members at John O Dea's pub	O Deas Pub 66 O'Connell St

SUNDAY JULY 10	8:45 - 9:30am	Clan Mass - Fr Diarmuid Hogan (Clan Chaplain)	Pro Cathedral Ennis
	9:45am	Assemble for coach departing to Cliffs of Moher day trip	Old Ground Hotel Outside hotel
	2:00pm	Packed lunch stop for those on day trip	Ballyvaughan
	4:30pm	Coach returns to Old Ground, Ennis	
	5:30 - 7:00pm	Reception for clan members courtesy of John O'Deas pub	O Deas Pub 66 O'Connell St
	8:00 - 10:00pm	Farewell Banquet and Election of Clan Tánaiste (Chieftan Elect)	Old Ground Hotel Maguire Suite

As many of the weekends events as possible will be available on ZOOM for Clan members who registered for this option.

Your name badge and lanyard are your access pass for each event - please wear it or have it with you throughout the weekend Gathering.

The O Deas have their origins in the area surrounding Dysert O Dea in North West Co. Clare. The Irish chieftain who gave his own personal name to the O Deas and their descendants was Déaghaidh (pronounced Day). There are many spelling variants of the O Dea name, but no matter how you spell it, we are all descended from this great warrior king. In early medieval times, the O Deas were Lords of the territory known as Cineal Fearmaic. Fearmaic was a 6th century ancestor of the O Deas. The O Deas were part of the Dal gCais, an alliance that included many other Co Clare clans, the O Briens, O Connors, O Hehirs, O Loughlins, MacNamaras, Quinns, Griffins, Howards and McBrodys.

In 1318, there was a notable battle at Dysert O Dea where the Anglo Norman, Lord Richard de Clare of Bunratty, was defeated by Conor O Dea and a combined force that included the O Briens and their allies. As a result of this victory, the Normans were driven out of Co. Clare for 200 years. In 2018 we celebrated the 700th anniversary of this significant battle with our 10th International Clan Gathering with over 200 of our Clan members attending a weekend which included a battle re-enactment of the story of this historical and significant battle.

For century after century, the O Deas fought desperately to protect their lands, their families and their way of life, shaping the course of Irish history in areas such as the church, the law and entertainment. Today, the O Deas can be found in all parts of the world and we look forward to welcoming our clan to this 2022 11th International Clan Gathering. Although we have had to postpone this gathering and although we are smaller in number due to the impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic, we will enjoy the friendship and kinsmanship of our members from far and wide, and will offer you our best and warmest Irish welcome home.

Thanks to the generosity of the late Jack and Anola O Day of Wisconsin Rapids and the Dysert O Dea Development Association, the castle and many of the surrounding historical sites have been restored. A visit to the Dysert O'Dea Castle is always one of the highlights of the Clan Gatherings in Ennis, find out more about the castle at www.dysertcastle.ie

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

11TH INTERNATIONAL O'DEA CLAN GATHERING

JULY 8-10, 2022
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