

VICTIM ANN LOVETT 31 JAN 1984

Ann Lovett, 15, Granard, Co Longford, concealed her pregnancy in Catholic Ireland. She was found dying in a pool of blood after giving birth to a baby boy. The baby was dead and wrapped in her coat. She needed a doctor and the first adult on the scene, the man who found her prioritised going to the priest. The priest despite saying she needed a doctor and being told by the man that she was dying did not phone for one ... the last rites came first and Ann died shortly later in hospital. Main cause of death was exposure.

She was a victim of the Catholic culture of misogyny and shame.

